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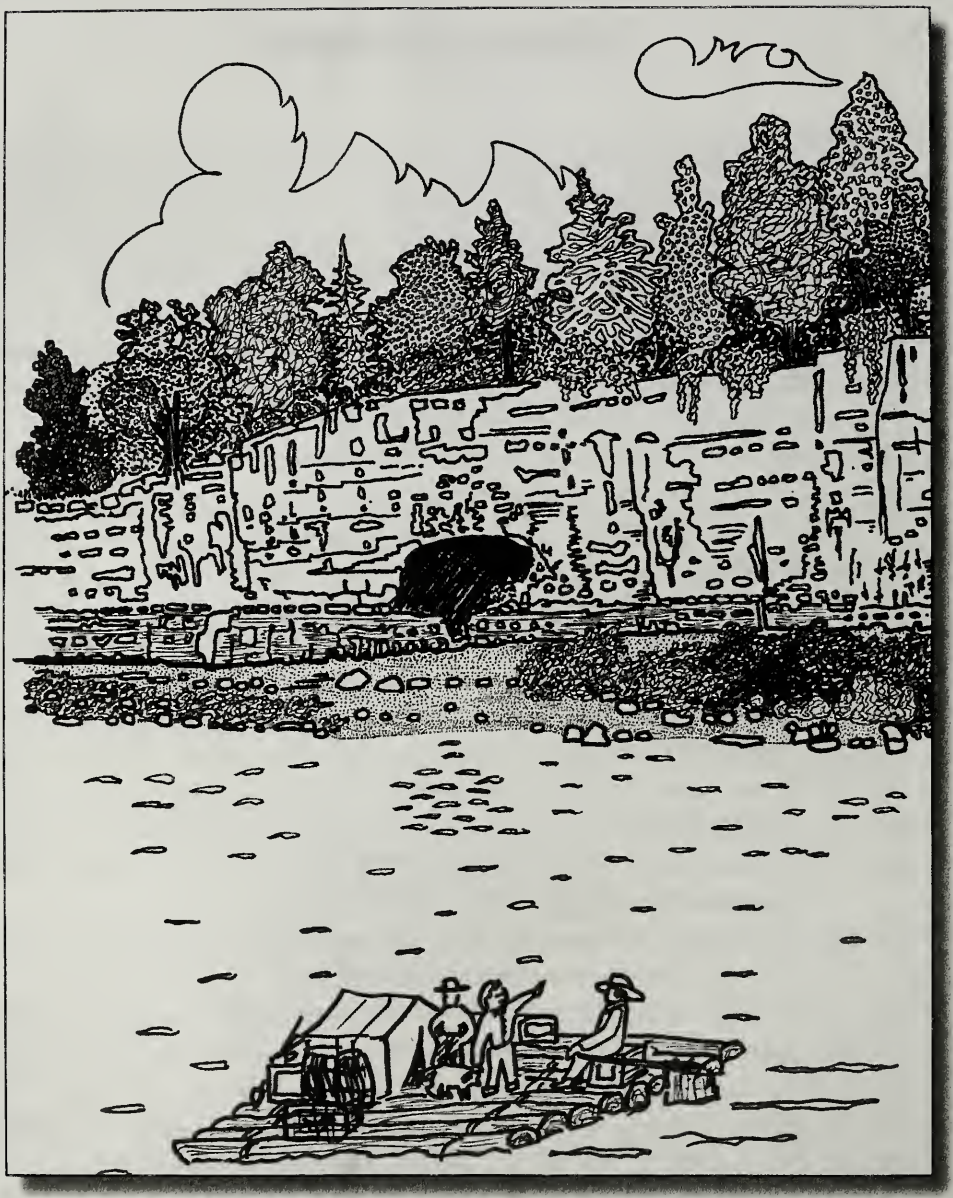

THE GREAT-GRANDSON of Luther L. Evers, Jim Wiedeman, shows what ancestors may have been facing when they moved from Pennsylvania to Kentucky and Southern Illinois in the early 1800s. Luther's son Rolland, depicted above, drove a six-horse team pulling a wagon in the famous "How the West Was Won" MGM movie in 1963. The Academy Award winning film also included other scenes of families floating down the Ohio River and stopping at Cave-In-Rock, which is located northeast of Metropolis, Ill., near where many Everses settled.

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Preface

By Byron L. Evers

The focus of this book is on the history of the Evers families who settled at the southern tip of Illinois near the Ohio River during the 1800s.

The Everses were proud, unpretentious and well respected, with families settling into the tri-corner area where Massac, Johnson and Pulaski counties come together. While most were farmers, businessmen, and educators, others were elected officials, lawmen and ministers. Some of them and their descendants left a lasting impression on society. Author George W. May, on page 138 of his 1955 History of Massac County book, wrote, "Someone has said that probably no man in any capacity touched and influenced the lives of more young people of Massac County than did Luther Evers." Luther served 20 years (1919-1939) as the Massac County superintendent of schools after previously teaching for 16 years.

The Evers surname makes up fewer than 10,000 of the more than 306 million Americans currently living in the United States. Statistically, it is only the 3,788th most common last name according to Internet web site howmanyofme.com. Although there once were dozens of Evers families in the three counties, that is no longer the case. James Paul Evers, who died in 2007 just shy of his 100th birthday, was the last one living in Massac who was a descendant of William Evers. There are a handful of local cousins known by other last names, but no Evers surnames. Hundreds of relatives are now living in other states and countries. They can trace their roots to this area before the Civil War, and some even before the town of Metropolis was established.

There is no particular reason why the Everses are now located elsewhere. Certainly there is nothing wrong with the community, which is a wonderful place to raise a family. The gentle rolling hills and the beautiful Ohio River provide some of the most scenic sites one can find anywhere. Former president Thomas Jefferson described the Ohio as the most beautiful river on earth. There are friendly people living and working in Metropolis, which has leveled off with a population of around 7,000 for the past half-century. It has become known as the hometown of comic book hero Superman. A national study by the Wall Street Journal in 2008 pointed out that the two main reasons people move from one state to another are because of taxes and health. While some Everses may fall into those categories, many of them, their parents, and/or grandparents were seeking better career opportunities, or perhaps moving to be closer to other relatives.

It is human nature to want to know more about your heritage as you grow older and accumulate memorable moments of your own. Parents pass along bits of information, meaningful collector items, and sometimes interesting letters and photographs. With each generation, sometimes important information about forefathers becomes lost or forgotten. That brings us to the real reason as to why this book is being published. It is to help preserve what is known about the early Evers settlers for future generations. We want current families to be included (see Chapter 21: Connecting Cousins) so they will be able to make connections with ancestors when it comes time for them to update with new information.

As this book goes to publication, it is obvious that current and future generations will be facing some tremendous challenges. My daughter reminds me every now and then of how Americans sometimes forget about how blessed we are to grow up in this country. After reaching his 99th birthday, James Paul Evers marveled at how large a history book would be if he had to study about all that had occurred during his lifetime. When Paul was born, Theodore Roosevelt was president of the United States, and he lived to see 18 more presidents take office. The first Model Ts had not even rolled off Ford's assembly line yet. Where do you start with things he experienced such as GE revealing its first refrigerator, or the inventions of atomic weapons, television, computers, internet, space shuttles, strategic intercontinental nuclear ballistic missiles, and take your pick on which world wars. He saw them all. Whether you want changes or not is irrelevant, because life is going to be much different for our grandchildren. Our forefathers – and for that matter, most of us – never dreamed that in only a few months the government would so quickly take control of the private banking, housing, auto, and perhaps health care industries, the most expensive items on family budgets. With legislators passing these and other bills without even reading the content, who knows what future generations will experience? As comic strip character Charlie Brown might say, "Life is like an ice cream cone; you've got to learn to lick it." We can enjoy some things, and then through the grace of our Heavenly Father, ask for the wisdom and strength to understand and meet the challenges when we do not see eye to eye on certain issues. Americans are a very mobile society today, thus few families are living close enough to help each other the way they did decades ago. There is little doubt, however, that we will make time to assist, comfort, and visit our closest relatives and friends.

William Evers

John Alexander Evers

James A. L. Evers

Luther L. Evers

James Paul Evers

Byron L. Evers (1948-)

Acknowledgements

By Byron L. Evers

You are holding this book because of the 5th Commandment. *EXODUS 20:12 "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you."* Just like when your parents had rules to protect you, such as look both ways before crossing a street, God provided the 10 Commandments for us to live by.

There are many people who helped make this publication possible. This is especially true for Mary Evers, wife of my cousin Mark. Mary has been dedicated to years of research in a genealogy that reaches back into the 1700s for 10 generations of the Evers family who lived at the southern tip of Illinois. You will find her genealogy section very informative.

We are grateful for the editors of the Metropolis Planet and The Paducah Sun Times granting permission to use their materials, and appreciative of assistance from the historical societies in Massac and Southern Illinois.

The publishing of this book fulfills a promise I made to my father, James Paul Evers, who knew that important, historical information was becoming lost with the passing of each generation. Recognizing that something really special could be done, we committed

to publishing as much as we could. There were many trips to libraries for research, and untold hours of interviews to collect and verify everything. Publishing a book is not a piece of cake, and it can be frustrating, time consuming, and costly. We had two computer hard drives that crashed, causing us to lose some things, and to completely redo others. But, like anything in life, the harder you work for something, the more it is appreciated.

Others who started writing on the family include Luther L. Evers in the 1930s, James Pryor Evers in the 1940s, Harry Owen Evers, Sr. in the 1970s, and the Rev. Joseph C. Evers in the 1980s. Chapters on their writings and many others are included. After years of work, it is time to finish this daunting challenge.

Grandparents, cousins, aunts and uncles searched through decades of photographs and shoeboxes filled with keepsakes. Those who were able to write were encouraged to do so. There are other writings, some more than a century old, by relatives who are no longer with us but had precious words to share.

I am grateful for the professional art sketches provided by nephew Jim Wiedeman, and log cabin graphics by cousin Chris Bryant, both descendants of Luther. I thank everyone who made contributions, particularly my sister Georgia Blue in helping out on the editing and proofing.

Any inaccuracies that might be discovered in the book were accidental, and corrections are welcome. Sometimes, even brothers, sisters and parents could not agree on certain information, spellings, and identities of old photos, etc. Although we did not use the intricate method of counting every word and letter to insure that no errors were made the way scribes did with the Bible thousands of years ago, this is the best of what could be provided at this time. For your convenience on the next page, there is an "Undo Typing" button if you need one. It is okay to press it more than once.

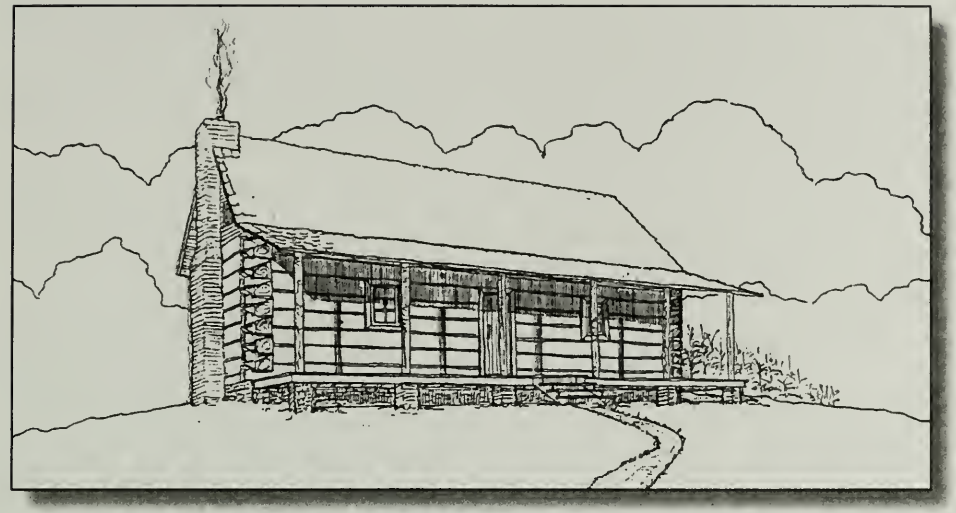
While this book will be of some value to those who study history, we are certain that it is our grand children, and others yet to be born, who will treasure it for years to come. It has been a joy to reconnect with cousins and discover new relatives. Hopefully many will be able to make the Metropolis Family Reunion this summer in 2009. With the exception of funerals, that may be the last opportunity for such an event in Massac County for the families now living elsewhere.

A super thanks goes to my incredible wife Brenda for making me the luckiest guy in the world, and blessing us with four wonderful children – Rebecca, L.J., Justin, and Westley. We never really realize the love and challenges parents face until we become parents ourselves. Sometimes, relatives can be a real pain to one-another, but the bond and love between us is great. It took some divine intervention for each of us to be matched up

with the best father and mother possible. As a bonus, I also managed to get two terrific sisters, Georgia and Janice. It was Janice who really shouldered most of the burden to provide the special care Dad and Mom deserved during their final months in this world.

On a final note; just because your surname is something other than Evers, that does not make you any less of a family member. Cousin Scott Kennedy made me feel terrific a few years ago in Metropolis while discussing relatives on the maternal side of my family tree. He said, "After all, you are half Kennedy!" So, regardless of what your name might be, a cousin is a cousin, and the Evers family is very blessed to have so many who care and love each other.

Thus, for all of us, we honor those who have gone before us, especially our parents, with this book. *1st TIMOTHY 5:4 ...learn first of all to put their religion into practice by caring for their own family and so repaying their parents and grandparents, for this is pleasing to God.*



19-YEAR-OLD JAMES A.L. EVERS built a cabin on the west side of the road, about a mile south of Lower Salem Church after returning home from the Civil War in 1865 to farm near his father and uncles. His great, grandson Chris Bryant drew this sketch of it in the 1980s. See Chapter 5 for more information.

Ch. 1 *Overview: Everses Settling in Massac Before Metropolis*

By Byron L. Evers

In 1757 – before there was a United States of America, much less an Evers riding a horse in Massac County – the French built a fort on the Illinois Territory side of the Ohio River. During the French and Indian War, it enabled them to help control traffic on the major waterway from the American colonies. The outpost became known as Fort Massac, and the French surrendered it to the British in 1765 before the colonies eventually won the American Revolutionary War. The father of our nation, President George Washington, ordered it to be rebuilt in 1794. Meriwether Lewis and William Clark met at Fort Massac in the winter of 1803 to start preparation for their famous exploration of the Northwest Territory and Louisiana Purchase. A few miles upriver, Shawneetown established the first bank in 1816 and had the only U.S. Post Office for hundreds of miles.

That bank is infamous for refusing to loan money to a group of businessmen who wanted another trading port at what is now Chicago. They were turned down because the bank's owner, John Marshall, told them it was too far north to ever amount to anything. The town of Metropolis was planted a mile west of Fort Massac in 1839. It was in this historic setting and time period that our Evers ancestors began settling nearby on both the Illinois and Kentucky sides of the Ohio River.

The Evers family discussed in this book lived in the 18th, 19th , 20th, and 21st Centuries. They include 10 generations, most of them born in Massac and surrounding counties in Southern Illinois. The earliest ancestors arrived there before the Civil War. Prior to that there were Everses born in Pennsylvania who migrated to Western Kentucky.

William Evers, born around 1770, may be the oldest Evers currently documented as a direct ancestor to the families in Southern Illinois. However, as research is continuing while publishing this book, there are definitely other possibilities, and the maternal side of the Everses can be traced back at least another century into England. It is certain that William paid taxes on land for 400 acres in Butler County, Penn., in 1803 before going south with his sons for better farming country less than a decade later. It is also known that he may have had the first loan ever issued in that county, perhaps by his father, a brother, or another relative. According to the *History of Butler County,* published in 1883,

The first mortgage recorded was one executed by Samual DUNBAR to Alexander HAMILTON for the payment of $120. It was executed May 10, 1804, and recorded on the 22nd of May. A mortgage was executed by William EVERS to Philip EVERS on the 14th of November, 1803, but it was not recorded until after DUNBAR's - upon May 24, 1804.

There is a little information that William and Phillip (spelled with one "L" in the Butler history book) Evers might have been trying to settle in the same area as some of the nation's founding fathers. The timing is especially interesting, because Alexander Hamilton, who had a home in Philadelphia and was the nation's first secretary of treasury, was killed by Aaron Burr in the most famous duel in American history two months after the above-mentioned loan. William Evers was paying his taxes in the Connoquenessing Township, while Alexander Hamilton was listed as paying taxes on 400 acres in Middlesex Township, and Benjamin Franklin was listed as owner of land in nearby Elder's district, all in the same Butler County. Franklin, of course, was a famous newspaper editor, printer, diplomat, and scientist who invented the lightening rod.

There are indications that Phillip may have been William's father. *Some Copeland and Little Families,* a genealogy book published in 1998 by A. Lucille Harney and Fairline Bigley, states, "William Evers was the son of Philip Evers who probably had come from

Germany and settled in PA."

The Butler County history book points out that in 1790, David Studebaker and Abraham Snyder were the first men who came into the county with the specific purpose of becoming permanent settlers. After living with Native Americans for awhile, they built small cabins in 1792. "Although the land was not open for settlement until 1795, adventurous spirits made their appearance...," according to the book. Prior to that, it goes on to explain that men who ventured into that area were mainly seasonal hunters, trappers, and fishermen, who wanted to "spy out" the land. The Seneca Indians were friendly, but the Delawares and Shawnees were opposed to settlers, making it a dangerous time for pioneers. Since William Evers had a son who was named after him in 1790, two years before there were any cabins built in Butler County, then most likely they were living some where else. There are still several families with the Evers surname living in Pennsylvania.

The *History of Butler County* provides lots of other interesting information on this time-period and area located where our ancestors came from on the west side of the Alleghney River that flows southward as a principal tributary to the Ohio River.

There were few immigration records then, and it was common for foreigners to "become" Americans once they lived here for two years.

Harry Owen Evers, Sr., a former high school teacher, coach, and administrator in Pulaski County, Ill., wrote in his memoirs 40 years ago that William married his wife, Caroline (possibly Jane) Alexander, in 1789 and that William's father was Phillip. It was not until the final preparation of this book in 2008 that a clear connection was rediscovered between the Evers families living in the neighboring Illinois counties.

Harry Owen Evers, Sr., 1932.

According to Harry Owen Evers' writings, his great-great-grandfather William had five children, the oldest a son who was born in 1790 and was also named William. The son served in the War of 1812, settled in New Orleans, and became a Mississippi River boat pilot. The second child was Jane Evers, born in 1795, who married a Mississippi River steamboat captain by the name of Roberts; and they lived in Evansville, Ind. William's next two sons were also believed to be born in the Keystone State – James Robert Evers in 1803 and John Alexander Evers in 1806. William's

fifth child; Joseph Nathan Evers, was born in 1818. According to Harry's research, Joseph Nathan was the first Evers to move from Kentucky to Southern Illinois in 1837, two years before the town of Metropolis was established. By then, Illinois had become the 21st state in the nation on Dec. 3, 1818. It is possible that William and Caroline even "possibly had six children," according to Mary Evers. There was a Matilda around that time who named her children William and Caroline. "Years ago someone contacted me [thinking] that she may have been related; however, I could never prove or disprove the relationship."

Knowing now that William Evers actually had several children is important because for most of the past century, Everses in Massac County thought that he had only two children – James Robert and John Alexander. In his 1931 original writing on family history, Luther L. Evers mentioned only the two sons, saying William "...came down the Ohio River from Pennsylvania with his two sons about the year of 1810." Trying to read more into that sentence may indicate several things.

Luther's father James Albert Lafayette Evers (JALE), and/or his grandfather John Alexander Evers, may have intentionally or unintentionally not wanted to mention William's other children for some reason. Certainly the Civil War was very much in all of their memories. James Pryor Evers, who was born in 1862 and a former attorney in Kentucky and Oklahoma, mentions in his 1940 writings that he was 10-years-old before he learned he was "within a short distance of three of the families of his father's sisters, and knew little about them even though they all had large families. His grandfather was John Alexander, and father was William Henry Warren Evers. Although he was writing specifically about his relatives when they were living in Kentucky, it could have been a similar situation just across the Ohio River. You can read more about it in a later chapter, but Pryor blamed it on "prejudices" between the Confederates and the Unions.

After originally leaving Pennsylvania, the Evers brothers first settled in Western Kentucky's Graves and McCracken Counties for two decades, and perhaps other counties too. Prime farmland was selling for 25 cents an acre.

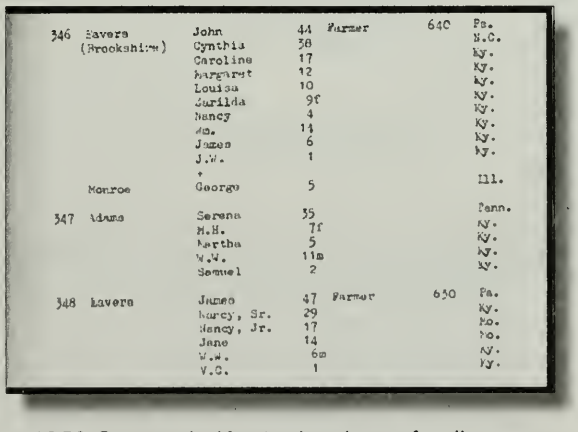
If James and John were the only two who came down the Ohio with William, as Luther states, then it is also possible that the rest of the family came earlier or later, and perhaps, by different methods. In addition to using the river, early settlers also used the Cumberland Gap to move westward. The Appalachian Mountains form a natural barrier to east-west travel from Pennsylvania to Georgia. The Cumberland Gap, used by Native Americans and wild animals for centuries, was the only natural passage way. That time frame would have been just after famous frontiersman Daniel Boone and his crew blazed the Wilderness Road through the Cumberland Gap, widening it so wagons were able to make it through

the mountains. Butler County is located in far Western Pennsylvania, north of Pittsburgh. If the Everses did not have horses and wagons, then some may have floated down the Ohio River, or perhaps walked along the banks. There are indications in the genealogy section that prior to moving to Kentucky, James and John may have spent a year in Indiana.

They probably moved their families from Kentucky to Massac County because of concern about the approaching War Between the States. More information on that is in later chapters.

When it was part of the Northwest Territory, the Illinois Territory originally included Illinois, Wisconsin and parts of Michigan and Minnesota. Although it is not a documentary, Hollywood's version of *How The West Was Won* provides scenes that are realistic enough to be what our Evers forefathers may have experienced. Parts of the movie were filmed along the Ohio River at Cave-In-Rock, which is northeast of Metropolis. Luther's son, Rolland Evers, was one of the few local men who possessed the skill of being able to drive a team of six horses, and was also a Teamster Union member because he was a driver for many years with Bonifield Bros. Truck Line. Those were two of MGM requirements necessary for hiring when the cast call for extras went out as the film was being made. James Paul Evers said he thought it was a stagecoach that his brother Rolland drove in the 1963 Academy Award-winning film that had an all-star cast of John Wayne, Henry Fonda, James Stewart, and Debbie Reynolds. However, Rolland's son, Daniel Evers, said, "... I thought Dad had said it was a covered wagon. I don't remember it being a stagecoach. If I remember right, they used the road between [Fort] Massac and I-24 [highway]" in one scene.

Both John A. Evers and Cynthia Brookshire are buried at the Lower Salem Church Cemetery in western Massac County. His elaborate cursive handwriting and choice of words in the 1857 letter enlarged later in this book are revealing in that John was well educated and a strong Christian. There is another beautiful letter written in the 1800s that also brings out his Christian beliefs. A book titled *History of Massac County* states



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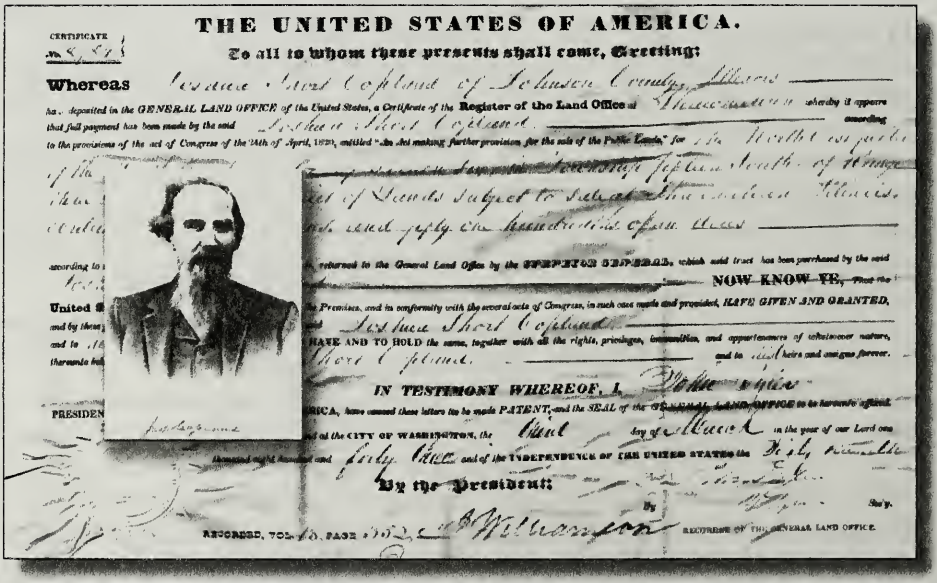
		Cynthia	38			N.C.
		Caroline	17			Ky.
		Margaret	12			Ky.
		Louisa	10			Ky.
		Surilda	9f			Ky.
		Nancy	4			Ky.
		Wm.	14			Ky.
		James	6			Ky.
		J.W.	1			Ky.
	Monroe	George	5			Ill.
347	Adams	Serena	35			Penn.
		M.H.	7f			Ky.
		Martha	5			Ky.
		W.W.	11m			Ky.
		Samuel	2			Ky.
348	Havera	James	47	Farmer	650	Pa.
		Nancy, Sr.	29			Ky.
		Nancy, Jr.	17			Mo.
		Jane	14			Mo.
		W.W.	6m			Ky.
		V.C.	1			Ky.

1850 Census in Kentucky shows family as

that he "taught school, farmed, bought fully 500 acres near Boaz Station [Kentucky], sold the same and came to Massac, 1858, bought the Barfield farm, and died October 1868."

Cynthia's father brought her by horseback to Western Kentucky from North Carolina, and their ancestors arrived in the American Colonies more than a century earlier. Cynthia was the great-great-great-granddaughter of James Brooksher (Brookshaw), who came with his wife, Mary, from England to Maryland in 1674.

Most of the Massac County Evers' descendants have often heard that our ancestors are believed to be of Irish and Welch descent. Their forefathers probably originally came to Great Britain from Germany. While doing research for this book, it became noticeable that biblical first names such as Daniel, Mark, Martha, Mary, James, John, Joseph, Paul, etc., which are common in our line of the family, are different than the first names of most Everses who arrived in America directly from Germany. Old English is a variation


THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Whereas

NOW KNOW YE,

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I

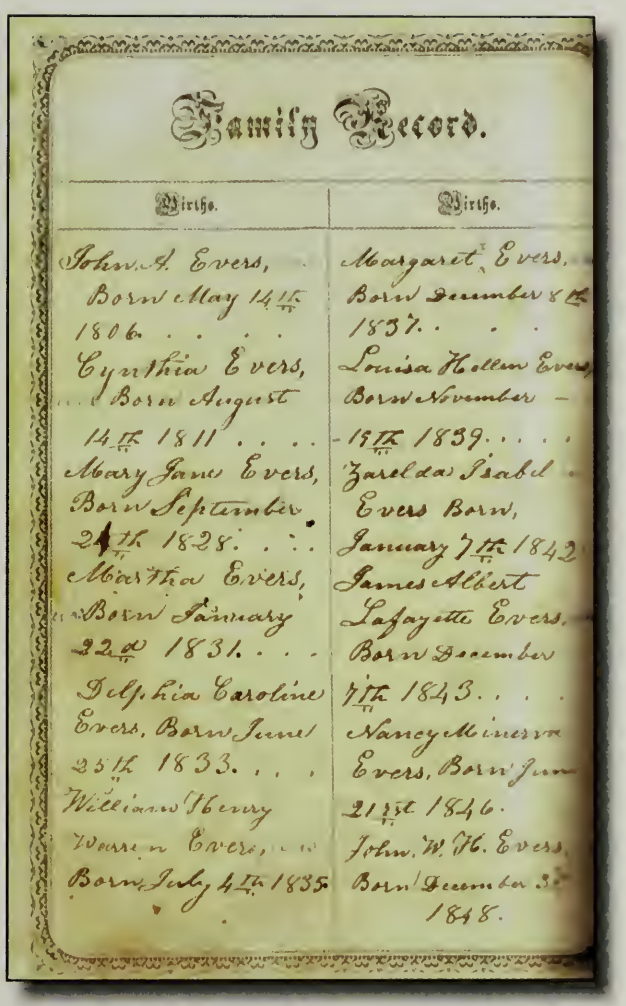
By the President:

CAROLINE DELPHANIE EVERS, daughter of John Alexander Evers, married Josua Short Copeland, pictured above. This shows a copy of his Johnson County, Ill., land grant that was printed in 1843 on the back of a sheep skin, which was the best way to preserve things back then. It was later sold to John Alexander Evers, and the sheep skin is now kept by his great, great grandson, the Rev. Joseph C. Evers, along with the Evers family Bible shown on the next page.

of Old German, and the British Isles is closely associated with Western Europe.

It should be noted that the name "Evers" was spelled with the extra character "a" (Eavers) on the U.S. government official 1850 census in Kentucky. A decade earlier and a decade later. the census spelled it "Evers" as we know it today on the same family names. That might indicate that 1850 was a misspelling or that perhaps the surname may have originally came from Germany. Harry Owen Evers, Sr. mentions in his writings that he "obtained from Kenneth/ Evers McCullam of Trumbull. Conn.," information showing that the original William Evers spelled his name sometimes as Eavers. There were a lot of Dutch and Germans in Wales during the 1700s. Also. there are many Germans with the character "w" (Ewers) in the name.

Barbara Loughman of Ohio said she remembers her father Jimmie Evers. son of James Oliver Evers, talking years ago about how his grandfather. Henry Brookshire,



Family Record.

Births.	Births.
John A. Evers, Born May 14th 1806. . . .	Margaret Evers, Born December 8th 1837. . .
Cynthia Evers, Born August 14th 1811. . . .	Louisa Hollen Evers, Born November — 15th 1839. . . .
Mary Jane Evers, Born September 24th 1828. . .	Zaralda Isabel Evers Born, January 7th 1842
Martha Evers, Born January 22d 1831. . . .	James Albert Lafayette Evers. Born December 7th 1843. . . .
Delphia Caroline Evers, Born June 25th 1833. . . .	Nancy Minerva Evers, Born June 21st 1846.
William Henry Warren Evers, Born July 4th 1835.	John W. H. Evers, Born December 3 1848.

THE FAMILY BIBLE of John and Cynthia Evers shows a lowercase letter "F" in the spelling of son James Albert Lafayette Evers when he was born in 1843. John's great grandson the Rev. Joseph C. Evers still has the Bible today, as well as John's sheep skin land deed shown on the previous page.

THIS MAP OF MASSAC COUNTY on page 145 of the 1870 World Atlas History of Illinois is interesting to the Everses because it shows where the farms of J.W. Evers (No. 1) and J.N. Evers (No. 2) are located, and also where the Starks farm (No. 3) is located that was purchased and farmed by James A. L. Evers, and his son Luther L. Evers. Luther's son James Paul Evers farmed it with his wife Florence Kennedy Evers during the 1930s Great Depression. Florence had origionally kept the atlas given to her by her father, road commisioner Charles C. Kennedy, because it shows the location (No. 4) of a farm owned by her grandfather, Robert Taylor Kennedy. Another interesting wooden-block etching on page 90 of the same atlas shows the William W. Evers farm pictured on the next page.

did not want his daughter (Cynthia Brookshire) to "marry a lowly German school teacher" (John Alexander Evers). Supporting that information is an 1895 book in the Massac County Library that quotes John Wesley Evers talking about his grandparents eloping.

John and Cynthia established their family in Massac County prior to the Civil War. One of their sons, James Albert Lafayette Evers (JALE), and three of his sons, Luther L., James O., and Hubert H., and their descendents provided most of the content for this book.

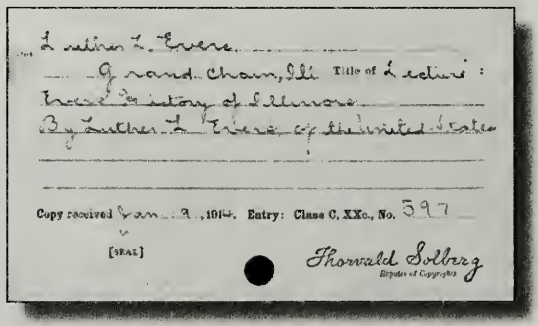
Apparently the Evers family has struggled with whether or not the "F" should be capitalized (LaFayette or Lafayette). John A. Evers' 1800s family Bible clearly shows that it is written in lower case on the birth of James Albert Lafayette Evers. He always signed important documents, such as his will and Civil War papers, as James A. L. Evers. One of the two Metropolis newspapers capitalized the "F" on Luther's obituary. His signature was always Luther L. Evers, normally not spelling out his middle name. However, Luther himself capitalized the "F" on his 1918 World War I draft registration card.

In one of his 1940 writings, James Pryor Evers, wrote that there might also be a possible connection of the Evers name to France. The possible French connection is new to most members of the Evers family, who should be reminded that the French originally controlled Illinois Territory. That may be one reason why you see the French word "Lafayette" as a middle name for both JALE and Luther. Writings by the former Tulsa district attorney are

included in later chapters, but one of the more interesting pieces is listed below. James Pryor Evers said:

...After telling of the information, Father L.J. Evers, of the Bowery Mission – some time in the past – showing the Evers race being derived from France, called "Hivers", carried North in the early Northern invasion, and adopting the English tongue, and having the "h" silent, down to the Ivers, and the "I" being short, dropped the "I" for an "e", making it "Evers". I hope you may be able to contact Father L.J. Evers, or some of his family and learn more of this line and tell me more about it.

History about your family is usually difficult to document if it is not recorded in some manner, which is the main reason this book is being published. Luther's writings about the family in the 1930s and 1940s were especially insightful, although never published. Researchers were excited four years ago when it was discovered that Luther had attempted at least twice – once in 1908 and again in 1914 – to copyright something titled, *Evers' History of Illinois.* Thinking that it might be additional information on the family, it was still on file under registration number CSc. 597 (1914) in the historic Copyright Office Card Catalog in the Madison Building of the Library of Congress. A research assistant in Washington, D.C., warned that it had been placed on microfilm more than 50 years ago, and because of its age, some of the pages were beginning to fade. After receiving a printed copy in 2006, it was a bit disappointing to learn that it really had little to do with the Evers family. Instead, as a teacher in Massac County, Luther was copyrighting his lecture notes and book plans for others to use in their history classes about Illinois – thus the title, *Evers' History of Illinois.*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Attempts at getting it copyrighted were frustrating to Luther. According to his oldest son James Paul Evers, the original version was accidentally left or stolen on a train to Chicago when Luther had sent one of his brothers with it to the copyright office.

There are more than 100 pages in the Congressional War Record on Luther's father, JALE, a Union scout who was shot twice during the Civil War. The first time was when the 16-year-old was meeting secretly in a creek with his captain the night before a battle. He refused to go to the infirmary, despite a lead musket ball going in just below the left knee,

and after exiting, continuing on and into his right foot.

More than a decade after John Alexander Evers and his brothers had started farming in the far northwestern corner of Massac County, the 1870 World Atlas History of Illinois published a map on page 145 that shows the farms of J.W. Evers and J.N. Evers in an area known as "Ash Ridge". The J.W. was probably John Wesley H. Evers, who was John's youngest son. J.N. was probably Joseph Nathan Evers, who was the oldest William Evers' youngest son, and a brother to John A.

When the original atlas was printed, they were still using wooden block etchings to show "photos" in books. The 1870 atlas has one such etching on page 90 that shows the Massac County farm layout of William W. Evers. John A. had a son William H. W. Evers who lived in Kentucky and was murdered at the end of the Civil War.. That William, who was the father of James Pryor, was born in 1835, so we do not believe that it is his farm. James Robert Evers, older brother of John A., had a son, William W. Evers, who was born in 1843 in Kentucky and moved to Illinois with his father. That William is the more likely person who had the farm that was pictured. He originally lived in Pulaski County before moving to Massac. The genealogy section will explain more, but he filed divorce papers and subpoenas were sent out for testimonies in 1878 after claiming that his wife "eloped" with another man. William died two years later without a will, with his wife claiming widow rights.

That same 1870 county map is interesting to the families of James Paul and Jeanette Florence (Kennedy) Evers because it also includes the farm of Robert Taylor Kennedy, who was her grandfather. Also, the map shows the R.C. Starks farm along the Ohio River, which was bought and farmed by JALE and Luther. James Paul was the last Evers to farm it during the Great Depression in the early 1930s.

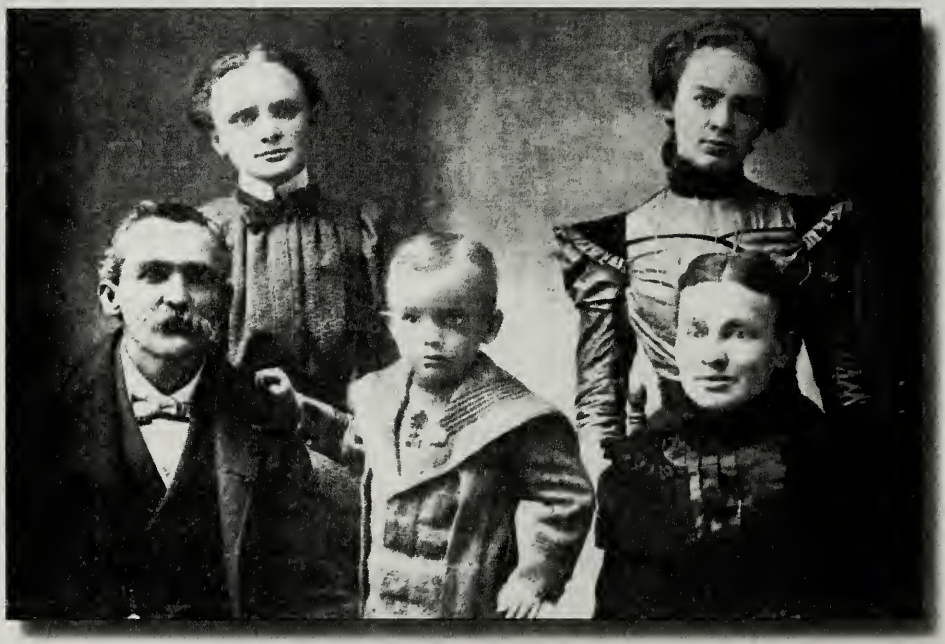
The original Barfield farm site where John's land was located is approximately one mile east of Illinois State Highway 37. Despite the 1870 map showing the farms as being on the north side of the old original road, James Paul Evers insisted on three different trips that the John A. cabin was on the opposite side with a downhill slope, about 150 yards south of State Highway 169 before you reach the west side of Karnak if you are traveling east. At last visit, there were no buildings there and it was just a fenced pasture, still in excellent farming country. There was a large red barn and a farm house on the north side of the road. This is most likely the original location where John A. Evers was farming before his son J.W. Evers farmed it.

"Even when I was a kid, there wasn't much left of that (John's) original log cabin," said Paul in 2005. "I do barely remember that once [around 1915] Luther took us over there

and we picked some fruit off a few of the old trees that were still growing along the fence line." On Thursday, Dec. 20, 1866, a Metropolis newspaper, ***The Promulgator,*** Vol. 2, No. 9, printed,

No county in the west is better suited for the growth of apples and peaches than Massac county, nor is there any crop which will prove more profitable. Mr. EVERS, living near the Pulaski and Massac county line, has the present year, realized about $500.00 off a small orchard of young trees without in the least interfering with the other productions of his farm.

Another issue of *The Promulgator,* April 18, 1867, Vol. 2, No. 26, includes an article under the local news that John Evers and his wife, Cynthia, hosted at their residence the



JOHN W. EVERS, pictured here with his family, was born in 1848. He was a marshal in Metropolis in 1886, and was elected sheriff in 1898. Before that, he had built the first hotel, called "The Mountain House," in Eureka Springs, Ark., near the western Missouri border. He and his family are buried about 50 feet from Luther. L. Evers' tombstone at the Masonic Cemetery. He was a brother to Luther's father, JALE, and the son of John A. Evers.

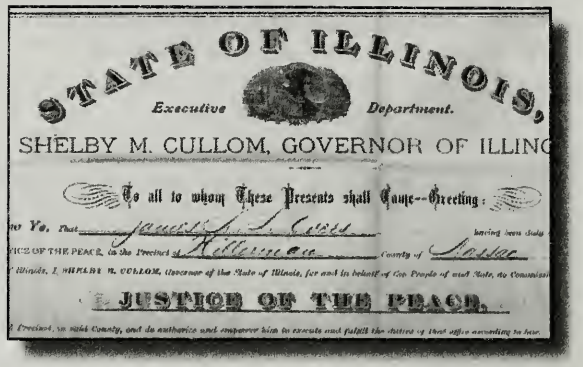
wedding of Margaret E. Ray to Joseph Gaunt.

When JALE returned home in 1865 after serving for three years with Company B of the 15th Illinois Calvary during the Civil War, John probably helped his son build a cabin a few miles to the south of him on the Lower Salem Church Road. Luther, who was born in that cabin, describes it in great detail in his writings, and his great-grandson, Chris Bryant, used that description to make a drawing in the 1980s of what it might have looked like. That sketch is shown at the beginning of this chapter. After more than 20 years of experience as an architect, and having gained additional knowledge about that time period, Chris provided an update of the cabin to include in this book with Luther's chapters. It was a custom for many log cabins in later years to be covered with rough-cut lumber to help seal them better. When JALE's family helped build a retirement home for him and wife Ann Eliza McGee Evers, it is possible that they may have removed and used some of the rough lumber to build it about 400 yards south of Luther's farmhouse that had been constructed when he bought the R.C. Starks farm. Paul remembered playing on the old logs when he was a child at the JALE cabin site, but he did not recall any lumber. The outside of Chris's updated version of the cabin has a similar look to the William W. Evers farmhouse shown in the 1870 atlas.

JALE's two home sites, and Luther's farmhouse were all located within a mile of each other and the Ohio River. Luther's farmhouse on the corner (see map showing R.C. Starks' original farm) is the only one still standing. Both of JALE's homes are long gone, and trees have grown up so thick that most people would not realize that the sites once had homes there. As with family tradition passed on from father to son, Luther took Paul when he was a child over to see

BORN ON DEC. 7, 1843, James, A. L. Evers (JALE) was shot twice during the Civil War while fighting for the Union, and received $6 a month from the government pension upon retirement.

where John Alexander Evers and JALE had built their original log cabins. Decades later, Paul took me, his own son, to the same sites. Another half century later, on the day after Paul's 2007 funeral, I drove the Ohio River Scenic Byway, County Road 2, for my three sons -- L.J., Justin, and Westley – to see where all four Evers homes and farms had been located. More than a dozen deer were grazing on the prime farmland and jumping fences that have not changed much in the past century.


STATE OF ILLINOIS,

Executive Department.

SHELBY M. CULLOM, GOVERNOR OF ILLINO

To all to whom These Presents shall Come--Greeting:

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

Religion, education, and family values are highly prized by the Everses, with every generation producing teachers and preachers. Here are just a few examples on the JALE line of Everses. His son Luther, who was a Sunday school teacher at Lower Salem Church, was the Massac County superintendent of schools. He was baptized by the Rev. Volney Cicero Evers, who was JALE's cousin, son of James Robert Evers. Luther's son, the Rev. Joseph C. Evers, is a long-time Methodist and Presbyterian minister. He is the senior pastor at the Ellington Memorial Presbyterian Church in Quincy, Ill. Luther's great-grandson Lloyd James Evers is a Keystone, S.D., pastor and director of ministry with Face2Face. Dr. William Pleasant Evers, who earned a medical degree in 1910 from Vanderbilt, may have been the first member of the family to graduate from college. He was the son of JALE's cousin, attorney James Pryor Evers. JALE's father John A., and son, Luther, were both teachers, as was Luther's daughter Frances Evers Shelton in Metropolis, and JALE's great-granddaughter Leni Weaver Fernandez in Florida. JALE's grandson Jim Evers, a longtime teacher and coach in Centralia, Ill., has a high school football field named after him. JALE's great granddaughter, Dr. Barbara Loughman, has a PhD in microbiology from Notre Dame. JALE's great-grandson Byron Evers is a college professor in Colorado, and another great grandson, Dan Wesley Evers, is an attorney in Illinois. JALE's great-granddaughter Jessica Weaver Kelch is a dentist in Florida. There are many others listed in the genealogy who are well educated and/or have successful careers. None are considered wealthy financially, but the point being made here is that you will be hard pressed to find something that impacts American society more than family values, religion, and education, all of which are treasured by Everses everywhere.

The family is also very patriotic, with Everses serving in the military for every war fought by the United States, and some Everses serving as elected public officials. On religious and political affiliations, Methodists and Republicans originally dominated the families, although there are certainly some who went in different directions.

Even though he was still a teenager when he mustered out, JALE had been promoted to the rank of sergeant while serving three years as a scout in the Civil War. Besides being a farmer, he was also the elected justice of peace for Hillerman precinct. His brother John W. Evers was a marshal in Metropolis in 1886 before serving two terms as deputy sheriff, and eventually being elected as sheriff of Massac County in 1898. JALE greatly admired his youngest brother, naming his first son after him. When JALE signed up to fight for the Union, it wasn't long before John ran away from home at the age of 14 and also signed up for the Union. His father John A., however, was able to track him down to claim him, and bring his youngest son back to help on the farm. Months later, young John ran away again, this time going south to help relatives by crossing the Ohio River and joining the Kentucky state milita, also called "home guard". Since the state tried to remain neutral when war first broke out, efforts were made to avoid complete chaos in the border line counties. According to the Kentucky National Guard History eMuseum website, "The Kentucky militiamen were placed in the peculiar position of owing a dual Militia duty in that Militiaman could be penalized by either faction for failure to render service to the respective side." Some historians and The Weekly Times newspaper point out that on at least one occasion, some southern Confederate solders, not militiamen, stood on the bank of the Ohio and fired northwards across the river just to harass the citizens on streets in Metropolis. There are many other Everses who protected their country, including his son Hubert in World War I, and grandsons Charles and L.T. in World War II. Also, Mark Evers, JALE's great-grandson, was in the Army's military police before doing 26 years with the Illinois State Police, and another 26 years with the U.S. Coast Guard Reserves. JALE's great, great grandson Bobby Price, grandson of L.T. Evers, was being deployed to Japan by the Navy just as this book was being published.

What about the Evers family before moving to the edge of the Ohio River at the southern tip of Illinois? We would be sharing that with you if we knew more. The Dictionary of American Family Names, Oxford University Press, says that "Evers" is the topographic name for someone who lived on the edge of an escarpment, "from Middle English ever 'edge,' a word that is probably from Old English Eofor 'boar.'"

The 1840 census of the United States, when William's sons were located in Kentucky, shows that the most Everses (seven to 12 families) lived in the state of New York, although

it is not known if any of them are related to those in Southern Illinois. That same year, there were three to six families with the Evers surname living in each of the following states: Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. There were only one to two Evers families living in Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, and New Jersey. Also, according to Ancestry.com, there were 64 Evers veterans fighting for the Confederacy, and 97 Evers veterans in the Union. In 1880, 26 percent of the Evers families nationwide were farmers, 9 percent were laborers, and 8 percent were keeping house. The top places of origin at that time included 274 Everses who came from Germany, 95 from Prussia, 78 from Ireland, 49 from England, and 22 from Hanover. Most Everses in England were from Yorkshire.

James Paul Evers purchased The Family Heritage Book from Beatrice Bayley, Inc., in 1981, and it provided 2,791 total addresses of Evers families living throughout the United States. All 50 states had Everses located in them, with the most populist at that time being California, 239; Florida, 203; Ohio, 199; and Illinois, 172. As this book is prepared for publication, there are 9,884 people in the United States with the last name of Evers, according to HowManyOfMe.com. The most recent in the Southern Illinois line of the family is Brenan Kay Evers, born June 26, 2008, to L.J. and Nicole Evers of Keystone, S.D. She is the great-great-great-great-great granddaughter of William Evers.

The death of Brenan's great-grandfather, James Paul Evers, in 2007 made him the last family member with the Evers surname in Massac County, which is a drastic change from the early 1900s. John David Evers Boaz pointed out in his 1940 writings, "I will not include (all of) the names of the Evers family here, but will say this: I can begin at Chicago, stop in a dozen towns on the way down to Cairo and stop with [my] own cousins. Massac County is full of our people and they are real Evers, ready to greet you in the Evers way and entertain you as such."

Living relatives from Southern Illinois are now located in dozens of other states and countries. With concerns that all of this information might become lost or scattered, it became obvious that there was a need to finish pulling together as much as possible for future generations. You need to have answers when grandchildren ask, "Grandpa, why Metropolis?" It should be more important to family than well-known current Metropolis events, such as the Fort Massac Encampment with its mock Civil War military battles every October, or the Superman Days each summer, or the Merv Griffin gambling boat docked there.

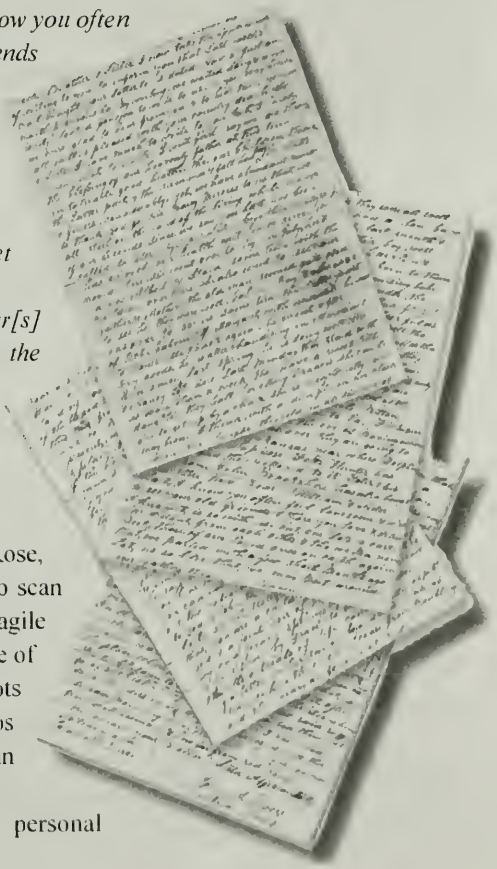
Stop and think for a moment about how fascinating it would be to have a conversation with William Evers, who was born in 1770. Certainly he would be as intrigued about us as

we would be in learning more about him and our ancestors. His descendants have careers in all walks of life – from doctors, dentists, and nurses to college professors, teachers, and principals to engineers, computer programmers, and ministers to military officers, lawyers, and artists. You will be hard pressed to find a few outlaws in the mix. James Pryor Evers, the former district attorney for Tulsa, Okla., wrote, "I must say with pride, that in looking over the list you will not find any blot on the character of anyone of the family..."

If it were possible for all of us to gather at one location at the same time, the Evers family would form quite a thriving metropolis. It is appropriate to close this opening chapter by taking a look at part of that Dec. 18, 1857, letter John A. wrote to relatives who had moved to Texas three years before the Civil War:

...Now Dear William & Sister Sally I know you often feel lonesome & wish to see your old friends & those you love & [hold in] esteem. I know it is so with us, but our lots is cast far distant from each other & tho we may never meet those of our loved ones on earth again that we parted with a few short months ago. Let us so live that we may meet around our father's throne in heaven...

It matter not where this frail body of our[s] shall rest whether in Texas, Ky or Illinois, the Lord is everywhere present, with his people & the way to Heaven is plain, it was purchased through the blood of the blessed Lord, that we by grace through in his name might be saved...



William "Bill" Harmon of Glen Rose, Texas, was kind enough a few years ago to scan a digital copy of that original fading and fragile letter for all Everses to see and enjoy a piece of wonderful family history. The entire letter, lots of other details, interesting facts, and photos on the Evers family await your discovery in the following pages.

Much of this information came from personal

interviews and research at places such as in Metropolis at the Massac County Library's special genealogy section, in Salt Lake City at the Family History Library by The Mormons (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints), and Shawnee Community College. The following books also contain interesting information about the family: *Massac County, Illinois History; Pictorial History of Massac County, Illinois,* Volumes I, II, and III; *Pulaski County History, Some Copeland and Little Families* by A. Lucille Harney and Fairline Bigley. Sources such as individuals, books, libraries, government documents, court house records, etc. used in compiling this book are provided at the end of the genealogy section. Because of the additional expenses involved in indexing page numbers, only the alphabertical listing of names mentioned are provided for you to mark your favorite places. Inside the back cover will be a DVD with digital copies of everything, including some additional photos and material not used in the book.

Further research possibilities, although no connection has been made thus far, may be the Evers family along the East Coast of the United States, who use many of the same first names, such as James, John, and William. On page 145 of Bladen County Heritage, North Carolina. Vol. 1, it states, "The earliest trace of the Evers line is a John Evers, who was living in southeastern Virginia in the late 1600s. He was born about 1660-70. The information on him is limited and researchers are not able to say that he is the ancestor of the Bladen Evers line... The next in the line is William Evers, born around 1700 and perhaps the son of the above mentioned John."

Nationally, the two most well known men with the surname are Medger Evers and Johnny Joseph Evers, but no connection with them was made to the Everses in Southern Illinois. Medger (1925-1963), the African-American civil rights activist who was murdered, came from Newton and Scott counties in Mississippi, His maternal grandfather Mike was the son of a white slave-owner. Johnny Evers (1881-1947) was a Major League Baseball player and manager in Chicago, Boston and Philadelphia. The Hall of Famer, who never weighed over 130 pounds, is best know as the pivot man in the famous "Tinker to Evers to Chance" double play combination, which inspired poems. Johnny's line of Everses came from Troy, N.Y. His Wikipedia biography states, "The name originally rhymed with beavers rather than severs, but Evers came to accept both pronunciations during his life." Although their double plays were poetry in motion, they didn't get along and refused to speak to each other for many years.

Searching for information about your family is a never ending task. One of the newest techniques that may benefit Everses is using genetic DNA testing, which is growing in interest and will enable families in the future to make connections with distant ancestors.

William Evers

John Alexander Evers

James A. L. Evers

Luther L. Evers

James Paul Evers (1908 - 2007)

Ch. 2

A Century With James Paul Evers

By Byron L. Evers

When my 96-year-old father asked me to drive him from Metropolis to Vienna so he could renew his Illinois driver's license, I was torn emotionally. My instincts were saying no way, because everyone would probably be a lot safer on the highways if he were to give up driving. My two sisters and I had given him 100 Susan B. Anthony silver dollars for Christmas, encouraging him to take a taxi when he needed to go somewhere instead of getting behind the wheel. To his credit, he had experienced only a couple of small fender benders; such as scraping the garage post while backing out and other such insignificant bumps. Knowing he was fearlessly independent and that he would do it with or without me – besides the fact that he happened to be my father – I decided to give in and make the 20-mile trip with him.

Early the next morning, he confided that he did not want to take the test in his hometown because he believed the Vienna officials respected the elderly better there. That probably meant he thought they were not as tough on the seniors. Sounded like he was speaking from experience.

James Paul Evers and I sat patiently for them to call his number in the waiting room filled with about two-dozen people. When it finally came his turn, Dad knew the routine, as he already had taken the wallet from his pocket. A woman at the counter said he would have to leave his current license while he went to take the test, and Paul nodded that he knew the requirement. Senior citizens still wanting to drive at his age have to take an annual test of their skills. Officials avoid possible problems of giving up the license after failing the test by requiring seniors to turn over their permit first. Things were becoming clearer as to why Dad wanted me to go with him. It would have been a long walk home if he flunked the test.

As he was searching in his wallet for the license, I could tell that he was a bit more nervous than I had ever observed previously. At first, I thought his shaking hands were due to aging and perhaps Parkinson's disease. He would always limit his cups of coffee to only being half full because his shaky hands would make coffee spill out otherwise. This driver's test was obviously important to him, and he was concerned. He finally pulled a card out and handed it across the counter. The official's eyes popped open in surprise, and she spoke loudly – apparently thinking he might be hearing impaired – "This is your gun permit, not your driver's license!"

Everyone in the room erupted with laughter at her announcement. Trying to ease the tension I felt Dad was having, I said, "And lady, I don't know which one is more dangerous -- the gun permit *or* his driver's license!" Even the straight-faced woman at the counter had to laugh with the rest of us. Paul finally located and surrendered the correct license and went on to take his driving tests.

Poor Dad. He was shook up so badly that he forgot I was the last one behind the wheel of his car. It had not occurred to me that I should have moved the seat up for him. Being much larger physically than him, I had adjusted the mirrors and seat of the Oldsmobile 98 to fit me while driving to Vienna. He could barely reach the gas pedal and brake and could not properly see in the mirrors while attempting to back out of the parking space. The test administrator quickly put a stop to everything, flunking him before he even got out of the parking lot.

Surprisingly, it was not a completely gloomy trip back to Metropolis. Dad broke the silence by saying, "I suppose it was for the best. I really wouldn't want to be responsible for hurting someone else in a car accident."

Somehow, the argument his children had been pushing was finally working, and it helped him at getting over the big disappointment. After all, he had started driving buggies pulled by horses before there *was* such a thing as a driver's license. Always looking at his

glass as half full instead of half empty, this was just one more example of how Paul lived his life as a positive-minded, optimistic Christian. In the next three years after this incident, we would both start grinning when recalling how shocked that woman was at him mistakenly giving her his gun permit.

Dad delighted in sharing his experiences and knowledge. He was what people call "a classic storyteller." It is becoming a lost art, as a storyteller can engage and pass on wisdom and history to connect generations and communities. Paul was one of the best at doing this, and those who knew him well will recall how gifted he was at being able to make history come alive. As a member of the Thespian Society in high school, Paul enjoyed performing in plays; and that skill, too, helped him make history interesting. History was his favorite subject, and even his professor at the University of Illinois in 1928 was fascinated and complimentary to him in front of a class.

"'That's right! That's right! But, you didn't get that information from reading our textbook,'" Paul quoted the professor as saying, when he was recalling some incidents that had occurred during his college days.

"The professor had started lecturing on how dangerous it still was during the Roaring '20s at some of the towns in the southern part of the state, which was known as "Little Egypt" because of their names. I kind of woke up, raised my hand, and told the class about how 32 miners were shot and killed in only one day, and about the Shelton Gang. 'Can you imagine that, even in this day and age in the United States?'" Paul quoted the historian.

"He said I was exactly right and asked me how I knew so much about it. I just told him that we have a lot of history books at my home in Metropolis." With a sly grin, Paul pointed out, "Of course, I got most of that information by listening to Papa, as we would discuss history and events in the evenings at the supper table."

Paul was always an avid reader, and there was never a shortage of books in the homes of his parents, who were well-known educators. All four walls in the living room, from floor to ceiling, plus several additional rooms were lined with shelves filled with hundreds of books, stacked side by side, almost looking like a mini-library with only the spines showing

the titles. Paul never lost that desire to read and learn more during his final months on earth. Visiting local libraries routinely to check out books and devouring at least a couple of newspapers daily were important activities right up until he died in 2007. *PopularScience, Motor Trends,* and *Guideposts* were his favorite magazine subscriptions. He also enjoyed western fiction, accumulating all of the Louis L'Amour and Zane Grey books. Even though he was blind in one eye and had poor sight in the other, he was passionate about learning. A jeweler's magnifying glass encircled by a bright light – a gift by daughter Janice – was greatly appreciated during his senior years. He used it daily, sometimes for hours on end, usually passing up television for more relevant information while relaxing in his recliner.

After retiring in the early 1970s, Paul was often sought out by organizations in the Metropolis area to speak about many events or past happenings that others had long forgotten or never knew. As a very honest person, he never stretched the truth, but he had that unique ability to make history, even the mundane, seem interesting.

When Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990, there was a big buildup of American troops and

equipment for the Persian Gulf War, and ships would transport them. Paul was surprised when he got a call from the American Maritime Officers Union in New York to see if he might be willing to help train young engineers. They even offered to place a rocking chair in the engine room for him to sit on. He was tempted to try and help, but he decided it was best to not do it. He was concerned that, at his age (83 at that time), he might accidentally tell them something wrong that would result in deaths, and he was not in good health. Later, *The Paducah Sun* did an article on Paul's "near-reenlistment", titled "Veteran ship engineer recalls lifetime of unusual repairs."

During Paul's 98th birthday party, his nieces – Leni Weaver Fernandez and Jessica Weaver Kelcha – asked him about his curly, long hair in a 1912 photo of him. While answering, Paul held their children and grandchildren spellbound, telling how his mother on Sunday mornings would stick a huge spike nail in a wood stove to get it glowing red-hot. Then, she would carefully use it to curl his hair for Sunday school. When asked what would happen if his mommy accidentally touched his skin with the hot nail, smiling real big, Paul leaned in a bit towards the children and responded by raising his voice to shout, "Ouch!" Everyone giggled and laughed when the startled young ones jumped back quickly.

As all of us move through different stages in life, it truly is a trip where we are constantly gathering a collection of memories. People usually don't recall entire days, but instead they have certain moments that stick with them for a lifetime. Paul would often repeat many of his favorites in his later years, causing grandchildren, such as Justin Lee Evers, to sometimes comment, "Grandpa, I think you've told this one before!" But they are precious memories that provide all of us with some insight not only into what kind of person he was, but his relatives as well, and what life was like for the Everses.

PAUL'S nieces Dr. Jessica Weaver Kelcha (left) and Leni Weaver Fernandez, along with son Byron, help him blow out his 98th birthday candle in 2006.

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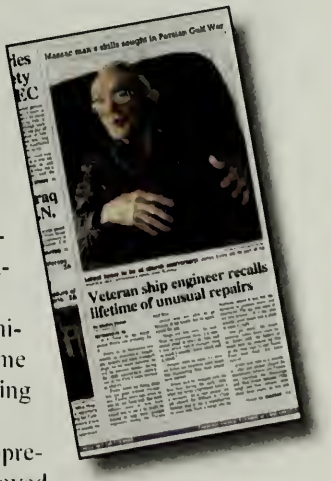
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METROPOLIS, Ill.

If it floats on the water, James Evers can probably fix it.

Evers, 95, of Metropolis, has worked on steamboats, freighters, tankers and troop transport ships. As the oldest member, he will be honored Sunday during the 160th anniversary celebration at the First United Methodist Church.

Evers' talent for fixing ships has not gone without recognition. Twelve years ago, when he was 83, the American Maritime Officers union in New York called him to see if he might be willing to help train younger engineers during the Persian Gulf War.

Evers was not able to go because of his health, but he appreciated the call. "Ships are like cars," he said. "They've improved them. I'd been retired about 30 years by then, and I was afraid they'd changed them so much I wouldn't know which end is which." Despite what he says, it's obvious Evers has forgotten more about ship engineering than most people have learned.

Evers said he stepped on his first boat during the early 1930s, when the Great Depression made it a necessity. As a coal passer, his job aboard the William G. Clyde towboat was to use a wheelbarrow to move coal from a barge into the fireroom, where it was fed into furnaces to produce steam and electricity. The pay was some of the best around $1 a day, plus regular, good meals and a place to sleep at night.

The job wasn't the safest, however. About three months later, Evers said, the boilers

on board blew up, sinking the ship on the river near Grand Tower. Four men died. Six were injured. Evers took jobs as a launderer, oiler and striker aboard the steamboats Indiana and Tennessee, traveling the Mississippi and Ohio rivers between Pittsburgh and New Orleans. After about three years, he was able to take a U.S. Coast Guard test to obtain his engineer's license.

"My license covered all waters, all tonnage, steam and diesel," Evers said. "It was a job, and it was a job that was hard to get, back then."

Evers remembers being stuck in the frozen Lake Michigan for 21 days while on board the Sinclair Milwaukee, which took oil from refineries to steel mills. "It didn't even get up to zero," Evers said.

The men were eating dinner one night and watching a television broadcast out of Chicago when a reporter said the Sinclair Milwaukee was on fire, startling the whole crew. The reporter said people in the city could see the flames. It turned out to be the reflection of the searchlight bouncing off the ice chunks. Evers also worked on the USS Buckner shortly after World War II, transporting troops to Germany, England and France.

Sometimes Evers used unconventional means to fix a problem. While on board the York, one of nine tankers owned by the Commerce Transport Company of New York, from which he eventually retired, an electrical switch went out. The whole ship went dark.

Evers knew that the firemen in the boiler room couldn't see their gauges, making the situation potentially dangerous. If the ship had to power down to fix the problem, it would be adrift, another potential danger.

To fix the switch, Evers rolled up canvas into layers and threw it over an electrical panel the size of his living room wall, he said. Using the canvas as insulation he crawled over it, knowing that copper bars carrying 600 volts of electricity were only about an inch away.

Evers fixed the switch. The lights came back on.

During his journeys on the Commerce Transport Company's ships, Evers became a world traveler. The ships picked up corn and wheat from the West Coast of the United States and took it to India, Burma and Pakistan. Then the ships would go to the Persian Gulf for oil, which they carried to Hawaii. Afterward, they would return to the West Coast for more grain.

Evers is concerned about the possibility of war with Iraq, being familiar with that region of the world, but says it may be a necessity to eliminate Saddam Hussein's threat.

"I think that Bush is doing the right thing," Evers said. "If they postpone it and postpone it, he'll be just like Hitler was."

After more than 40 years on the water, Evers retired, but he says he will always appreciate the sense of community on board ships.

He smiles wistfully as he says, simply, "I loved to go to sea."

PICTURED ON THE 4TH OF JULY IN 1920 are (back row) Frances, Paul, (front) Rolland, Luther L. Evers, Vivienne, Evelyn, Helen, Ethel, and Stelsa.

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Tough, Happy Life for Brothers & Sisters

By Byron L. Evers

"I can only reeall a few things about Grandpa [James A.L. Evers]," said Paul in the summer of 2007 while discussing family history and helping to prepare this book. As often done in the Evers families, Paul's first name of James was given to him in honor of his grandfather. Decades later, James Paul had two of his own grandchildren and a great-grandson named after him. "Grandpa had to use a cane and limped pretty bad. Papa used to say he was sometimes difficult to live with because he

was in so much pain from Civil War wounds, but that he was always a Christian.

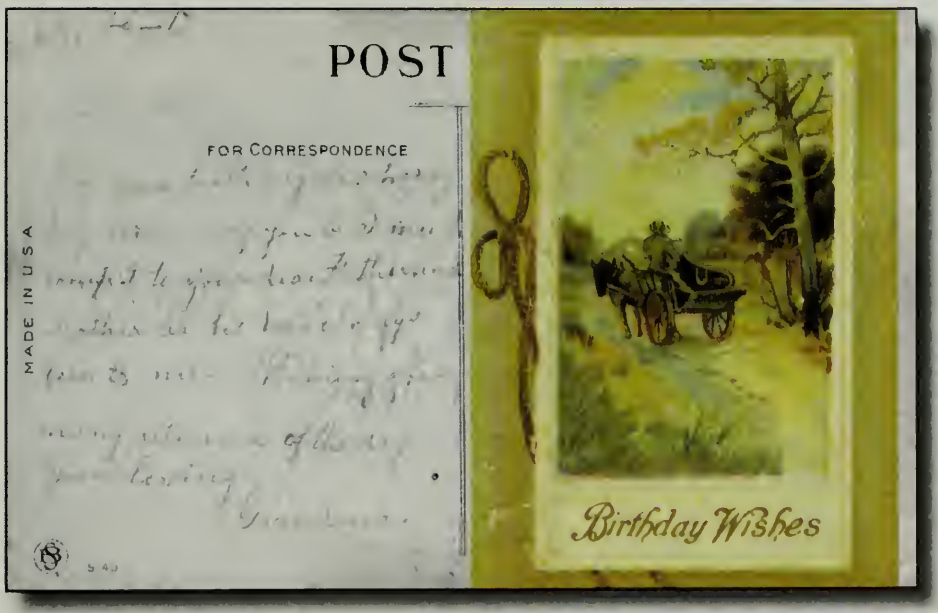
"When I was about two-and-a-half, I was trying to show Grandpa how [little sister] Frances was learning to walk by holding her fingers up and leading her towards him. We both tripped and fell. Grandpa laughed real big and said, 'Paul, you need to learn to walk better yourself before you try to help someone else.'

"Sometimes we used to play around Grandpa's old original log cabin that had fallen down on the [west side of the] Lower Salem road," said Paul. "A few years ago I walked back in on that same hill that is now just pretty much grown up into a woods. I found some Easter lilies that were still growing near where the cabin use to be, dug a few up, and transplanted them in my yard in Metropolis.

"Luther and his brothers helped Grandma and Grandpa build themselves a new home on the bank of the Ohio River to live in for retirement. It was about 400 or 500 yards up the hill just south of our farmhouse where we lived. It wasn't a log cabin though, as they made that home out of rough-cut lumber. I believe there was a relative who ran a sawmill a few miles north, near Karnak."

Luther's home was less than a mile west of the tiny Hillerman community. It was sometimes called "Gab Town," and located in the far western part of Massac County between Joppa and Grand Chain.

One of Paul's sweetest memories from when he was a child was when he and his brother and sisters would visit Grandma Eliza



PAUL'S GRANDMA Eliza McGee Evers (left), born in 1850, sent him this birthday card (above) dated Jan. 6, 1917, when he turned nine years old. It says, "Dear Paul. May your birthday be a happy day and may you be as much a comfort to your Dear Father and Mother as he has always been to me. Wishing you many returns of the day. Your loving Grandma." As he did many times in the past, Paul (top) revisited the farms of his parents and grandparents in 2004.

McGee Evers. She would treat them to something special each visit. "Grandma would get out a teaspoon and give us a taste of brown sugar. We'd be all huddled up around her like a nest full of baby birds with our mouths open. She would give each of us only one spoonful: that was the limit. One time, Grandma forgot and was just about to put a second spoonfull in my mouth, but then stopped when Frances started saying, 'Paul's already had one, Grandma! Paul's already had one!'"

On another occasion, they were enjoying a Sunday chicken dinner after church at his grandparents' home when they heard what sounded like a loud scream. The horses tied up out front started getting spooked and were bucking and nickering. Paul and his father, Luther, went outside to see what was going on, but then hightailed it right back inside. A large, black panther was on a limb up in a tree in the yard, snarling at the horses. The big cat quickly decided it was time to move on down towards the river. "I never saw it again after that, but we used to hear some of the neighbors talk about it," Paul said.

"One time [little brother] Rolland ran all the way from Grandma's house to ours without stopping, and he couldn't say a thing because he was so out of breath. But he slowly opened up his hand to show us that Grandma had given him a shiny new silver dollar for his birthday. Boy, was he excited about it."

Grandma Evers was a rather large lady, and when she passed away in 1918, Paul said they had to move the casket out through the front window of their house because it was too wide to go through the door in an upright position. "I was out in the yard and remember watching as the hearse drove slowly past our

house down the hill, and then on to Lower Salem Church. Although I had been at several funerals, I believe that was the first time I had ever seen a motorized hearse. Most people at that time were still using horses."

Paul had heard about horseless carriages before that. He had never actually seen a real automobile until he was six years old when Uncle Gus Lippert, Luther's brother-in-law who was married to Cynthia, drove over to their farm in a 1914 Maxwell. "After we admired it for awhile and looked everything over, Unele Gus told Papa and me to jump in and we'd take a drive into Metropolis. I climbed up and sat in Papa's lap. Boy! We thought we were flying, but we probably never got over 20 or 25 miles per hour on those old gravel roads. When we made it into town, Papa pulled out his pocket watch, stared at it for a bit, and put it up to his ear. He tapped on it a couple of times and then said it must have wound down and stopped, because according to it, it took us less than half an hour to get into Metropolis. Of course, he was smiling and just teasing us.

"One of my earliest memories is that I can recall Mother [Ethel Bayless Evers] talking to someone in the kitchen," Paul said. "I went in there to see who was visiting, but I couldn't find anyone. She was down on the floor on her knees praying. I asked her who she was talking to. She just smiled and said, 'The Lord.'"

Numerous times his parents described to him the night he was born in 1908. "My folks used to laugh when telling me about their mothers. The doctor told my grandmas, 'Shut up! You better put some more hot water on and quit your fussin' over which one of you is going to clean the baby up, because there's going to be one for each of you!'" Paul never got to know his twin sister, Pauline, as they were premature babies, and she died after only five months. "We were known as 'blue babies' back then, because of the lack of oxygen and the color of our skins. We were sickly and not really expected to live very long." To help out on the situation, Paul's Aunt Cynthia Evers took care of Paul most of the time at her house while his mother tried to nurse Pauline along. "The night that Pauline died, Papa had hitched up the horse and buggy to go fetch the doctor. They actually thought that I wasn't going to make it through the night, but Pauline died instead."

Perhaps the early struggles with his health were God's way of helping him toughen up for a rough time ahead and prepare for many more life-threatening challenges he would face for 10 decades. You've always heard that a cat has nine lives. Well, Paul had even more, and pointed his finger heavenly when he said, "Seems like I was always in trouble with one thing or another, but someone was always there watching over me.

"One time before I was even in school, I was out in the corral playing with the horses and one of them jumped over the top of me, kicking me in the head and knocking me

ETHEL BAYLESS, Paul's mother, is shown with her family when she was a child. She is third from the left in the top picture, and on the far right in the bottom photo.

unconscious," Paul said. "I didn't come to until late the next day. Papa told me I had blood coming out of my ears, nose, and mouth. He had picked me up and carried me over to a cold spring near the farm to wash me off, keep me cool, and stop the blood from flowing. A few years after that, my appendix ruptured. When the doctor operated, he had to get rid of the poison, and the only way they knew how back then was to pull out all of my intestines and lay them on a table beside my bed. The doctor then wiped clean everything with alcohol, pushed the intestines back inside me, sewed me back up, and hoped for the best. I guess it worked, because I'm still here telling you about it 90 years later."

The best story that Paul's children and grandchildren enjoyed hearing him repeat was about how he got a whipping for finding and returning a pocket watch his father had lost. "I was about seven at the time," said Paul. "Several of us kids were outside playing on top of a gate to the garden behind the house when I saw something shiny out in the sweet potato patch. Papa had warned us to stay in the yard. He was getting tired of us going out and digging up and eating the potatoes that were kind of like candy because they were sweet. Papa told us that the next time he caught one of us going out there that he would give a spanking. Well, Papa had been complaining for several weeks about having lost his favorite pocket watch. I thought that shiny object might be it, so I decided to go out and investigate. I'd no sooner gotten through the gate when Frances or Stelsa [another sister], one of them, started yelling 'Papa! Papa! Paul's out in the potato patch.' He came around the house just as I got back in the yard. I unfolded my hand and showed him the watch I'd found. He thanked me, but then said he was a man of his word and told me he was going to have to give me a spanking. It was really not much of a paddling; just a couple of light swats on the rear end."

When asked if that might have been the same watch that Luther discusses in his family writings on him purchasing it at the St. Louis World's Fair in 1904, Paul said, "I'm not certain, but it might have been, because he was sure concerned about losing it. But, it also might have been the one Grandpa Bayless had given him."

Paul's parents made certain their children looked their best each Sunday when they would go to Lower Salem Church. Because there were seven children at that time, three of them would ride Paul's favorite horse, Topsie. Paul would usually hold younger brother Rolland in front of him, while sister Frances would hold on to him from behind. Topsie stood almost 16 hands, so Paul would guide her over to a fencepost for them to use to climb on and off of her. The rest of the children would pile wherever they could into the single seat buggy that had a small bed in the back for the two-mile ride to church.

When Luther was running for the school superintendent of Massac County, Paul

remembers him ordering a new buggy from a Sears & Roebuck catalog so they would have an extra one for the growing family. That buggy might be the one that can be seen behind them in a picture later in this book that has the families of both Luther and his brother, James Oliver Evers.

Because of his small size, Paul was perfect for lowering down into the cistern on a rope to shovel dust and clean it out each year. During a dry spell, they would hitch a team of horses up to a wagon with three wooden barrels in the back and pull down into the Ohio

PAUL EVERS' great-grandparents on his mother's side are Jacob Miller (1825-1907) and Eliza Hanks (1825-1917). His Grandma Nancy Miller Bayless is their daughter, shown on top. Eliza's ancestors can be traced back to Thomas Hanks, who was born about 1630 in England and died in 1674 in Gloucester County, Virginia. Paul's great-great-great-grandfather William Hanks and former President Abraham Lincoln's great grandfather Luke Hanks were brothers.

River just past his grandfather's house. They would then use buckets to scoop up water and fill the barrels, drive half a mile back to the farm, and then fill up the cistern.

"My dad never had mules. We always used horses to farm with," Paul said. Topsie was smart, very gentle and the most popular of the half-dozen horses they owned. After plowing the fields during the spring planting time, Luther would hitch Topsie up to a harrow early in the mornings and then leave to go teach school. The year before he was old enough to go to school, Paul would stand at one end of the 40-acre field and Frances would stay at the other end. They would then alternate turning the horse around carefully and lining her up for a return trip down the field, and send her on her way to the other end. "Topsie would make a straight line all by herself each time" and they would have the field done before Luther would get back home from teaching.

Among the things they planted were corn, potatoes, sweet potatoes, beans, peas, tomatoes, carrots, and lettuce. "Mother always would bake me a blackberry cake for my birthday, as we had plenty of wild blackberries growing along the fence between our farm and Grandma." Ethel would can and preserve some of the food for the winter months. She was also able to make a little savings for special things by picking blackberries and selling them on the weekends when they would go to town. They would have plenty of meat too, with chickens, hogs, and cattle. They could also have fish, rabbits, and squirrels when there was enough time to fish and hunt. Luther killed one his cows once after it had gotten Rolland pinned down on the ground and was using its head and horns to try and gore and grind him into the earth.

One year, Ethel gave it a good bit of thought and believed she could make some money for herself. Luther told her she had babies to take care of but Ethel was on her way to becoming an entrepreneur. She wanted a patch of ground to plant great northern beans. Luther sometimes may have thought different, but he was always his wife's staunchest supporter, so he plowed the ground on the hill towards the cemetery, about an acre and a half, purchased the great northern beans, and then planted them for her. The beans grew and with Luther plowing them regularly, so they made a good crop.

When the beans came in, school was back in session, but as soon as the kids got home from school, it was the job of Frances, Paul and Evelyn to each get a tow sack and go to the field of beans and fill their sack. Each child was to fill a burlap bag full before coming in from the field. Frances, Paul and Evelyn each took a row and started filling their bag. Frances got hers full first and went to the corn crib for her mother to examine the produce. Upon opening the bag, it was revealed how Frances turned out to be the fastest picker. Her bag contained "the vine and all," not just the beans. Needless to say, Frances returned to

the field to do her job over.

The three children picked beans every day after school and it took them a few weeks to complete the whole field. Luther knew someone by the name of Smith who lived near Boaz, who had a wheat fan, so they didn't have to hull by hand. The fan pulled the hulls out and the beans fell down into a tray and they could fill one sack at a time. So, they hulled and sacked and gave some to each of the parents, and still sold $100 worth of beans. Ethel now had $100 to buy what she really wanted from the Montgomery Ward catalog. She ordered material and then set about making dresses and shirts for the whole family. Work Ethics! They learned young and they never quit.

Ethel was quite a seamstress, said Paul. "She made all of our clothes we wore up until we got well into school. I remember her making that outfit I have on in that picture of me with the curly hair. She probably made the clothes too in that picture with Rolland and me when we were little." She even made their underwear, sometimes using the flour sacks for cloth after they were empty. She would also pluck some of the down feathers from the bigger birds during the summertime and the geese would grow them back before winter. "Mother would save the feathers, then when we killed a goose to have to eat, she would have enough feathers to make us a pillow or mattress."

They did not have electricity at the farmhouse, and just used kerosene lamps for lighting at night. There were no bathrooms, so a two-seater outhouse was about as good as it could get when nature came calling. Would they save the leftover dried corncobs for personal hygiene as some families did? "Oh no, we always had Sears and Roebuck catalog pages for that," Paul said, then smiled while thinking about it.

Luther was an expert with a horse buggy whip, and he used one once to "stop a bunch of hoodlums" who were disrupting

LUTHER'S TWO oldest sons, Paul, left, and Rolland, right, are pictured shortly after they moved to their house at 9th & Ferry in Metropolis.

their Christmas church caroling practice. "They were coming up to the door every now and then and throwing a bunch of snowballs with rocks in them. Papa had warned them to stop." Paul said. "Finally, he told me to keep the rest of the kids there in the church while he went out the side door, got his whip off the buggy, and waited to see if the boys would do it again. Pretty soon, here came another snowball into the church, then we heard a big crack of the whip, and one of the hoodlums yelped and grabbed his ear. Papa then popped another boy on the tip of his ear, too, before they ran off yelling. We think it was them, later, who ganged up on Papa one night, and held him down while they used a whip on him. "He had terrible scars on his back. I remember Papa laying on his stomach in bed for days while Mother would come in and tend to the wounds. He had big scars on his back for the rest of his life."

It was the second time that something like that happened to Luther. He and Ethel were still newly-weds and were going to a revival in Gab Town. Her Bayless family was of devout Baptist faith. Three or four rowdy men were walking along side the road, forcing Luther to have to drive between them. It was very clear what vulgar remarks they were directing at the couple. Luther had to defend his bride from their insinuating comments. He jumped from the buggy, unaware that one of the thugs was carrying a deadly knife. Some of the thugs held Luther while the one with the knife slashed away. Several stabs were life-threatening and deep enough to cut through Luther's dress clothes, seriously wounding him. Ethel managed to get him back into the buggy and home to doctor his wounds. She put him to bed and then poured warm hog lard over the gaping flesh to stop the bleeding. Luther carried those scars on his back for the rest of his life. Four of the scars were half-an-inch wide from the top of his shoulder to below his waist.

Paul was age six and in first grade and Frances was around four. Luther hitched up Topsie and Flora to the wagon and tucked Paul and Frances in for the ride to town. They were going to purchase cement for building a sidewalk for Ethel.

Loading about a dozen bags of cement in the wagon, Luther took the children for a rare treat. They went to the Metropolis Hotel Family Restaurant where they had a delicious meal prepared by Mrs. Nettie Crawford. This was another coincidence regarding Kennedy and Evers relationships. Crawford's daughter, Dora, married Nellis Kennedy, who was an older brother of Florence Kennedy, who later married Paul.

After eating, Luther went to the stable where he rented a horse for himself as he planned to stay in town to electioneer for the position of Superintendent of Massac County Schools. He put Paul and Frances in the wagon seat and handed the reins to Paul with the instructions, "All you have to do is give up half of the road." He started them out at 9th

Street in Metropolis under the railroad track's overpass. They would go four miles north of Joppa to the cemetery and turn left. Paul said a couple times they would meet a wagon driven by a couple, most likely husband and wife, and the woman would lean over to the man and say something. Paul figured the woman probably thought he and Frances were "running away". The pair reached the Sexton property traveling west (just north of the present EEI property), when Paul pulled on the lines to turn. Actually, the horses knew the route but Paul's signal to turn (even though premature) was obeyed by Topsie and Flora. The travelers went half-a-mile when the road ended - in a woods. Paul said he managed to get the wagon backed up and turned around and headed back down the road again. Actually, the horses seemed to know what had to be done and they did it. Paul had just gotten anxious and made a wrong command but the horses could be trusted. Back to the main road, they turned west and headed again toward Gab Town. From there it was another four miles to the Evers Corner.

Topsie and Flora pulled into the lot as the gate was open for them. The children could not have opened the gate themselves, but mother had been watching for them. Ethel had seen the wagon as it was coming down the last hill. Paul and Frances watched as their mother unhitched the horses from the wagon and put them in the stable, removing their harness and giving them feed and then pumping water for them to drink. It had been a long, long day for two young children.

One day Luther came back from town with a baseball. They made a homemade bat, and everyone enthusiastically started playing baseball. They did not have a yard big enough for a real baseball diamond, so they used the trees as bases on the west side of the house. Luther would always keep the tree trunks painted with whitewash up as high as he could reach, which was a popular custom for that time if you took pride in your yard. Marbles were also very popular with everyone, and Paul was pretty good with them. He showed his own children and grandchildren how to play and shoot them. Some of the old original, antique marbles are still kept by many of them as family keepsakes. Paul and his brothers and sisters would also play hide-and-seek, tag, checkers, and wheel/stick. "We even played cards once until Papa discovered us with a deck and took it away because he did not approve of card games."

As for pets, Paul said they were not allowed to have a dog, because they were so poor that Luther believed it would just be another mouth to feed. Maybe Luther was afraid that a dog would bring more dogs and pups. Paul said, "I never once ever heard Papa say a curse word; not even once. But, when he would get mad or angry, he would just say, 'Ole Hound Pups!' instead." Paul's own children also say they never heard Paul, or for that matter,

even his brothers and sisters, utter a curse word. Luther did allow them to have cats, as they could be good at controlling mice and could take care of their own food. Also, "Papa always had birdseed for the wild birds, because he felt that it livened up the place a bit to hear them chirping."

One of Luther's favorite things to do with his young family was to make ice cream, even though they could not afford a "modern" hand-crank ice cream maker. "Mother would mix the ingredients, and then he would fill a coffee can with them, place it inside a wooden bucket, and pack it with ice and salt. He would then sit on the steps with the bucket between his legs and use the bucket handle to rotate it back and forth, back and forth, until we would have some ice cream to eat. Sometimes it would get so cold we would hold our heads with pain, but we'd keep eating it."

The assembly line production created by Henry Ford the same year that Paul was born made it possible for many Americans to own a Model T. As Luther advanced from just being a schoolteacher to eventually becoming elected as county superintendent, he decided it was time to purchase a Model T touring car for him to make his rounds to all of the schools in Massac County. "He ordered a special one that had an extra low 'granny' gear in it to help get up and down the muddy roads. You didn't have to have a driver's license, and one time he had me driving for him on the old road going towards Vienna. Some men were stuck pretty badly on that big hill near the cypress bottoms, as it had been raining for a couple of days. They flagged us down and warned us to not even try to make it up that big hill, because we'd just get into trouble as bad as they were in.

LUTHER'S BROTHER-IN-LAW Jim Bayless driving a late 1920s Model T Ford.

Papa thanked them for the advice, and then had me to back up a bit and slip the Model T into that 'granny' low gear. We took off, passed the guys who were stuck, and mud was flying everywhere. We passed a couple more cars and people

EVERYONE IS ENJOYING a laugh in this (bottom) picture taken in 1922. Left to right are Frances, Rolland, Luther, holding Helen, Vivienne, Paul, and Evelyn. Although we were unable to relocate it, there is a wider view of this picture with Ethel standing far off to the left on the porch. The poorer quality (top left) photo may have been the last picture made of Ethel, who appears to be pregnant. Ethel, admiring the young girls playing with their dolls, died in child birth on Aug. 14. The girls have on the same clothes and are at the same place on the porch in still yet another photo (top right) most likely made on the same date, and is often referred to as "Luther's Dolls" by family. Baby Helen and Vivienne (front row) are pictured with their dolls, along with Stelsa (back, right) and cousin Kathleen West.

who where stuck partway up, and didn't stop until we got over the top of that hill. I looked over at Papa and he was grinning from ear to ear."

Paul's older sister got them in trouble one day with that Model T. "Papa had sent us somewhere on an errand and had warned me that under no circumstances was I to let Evelyn drive. Well, we no sooner had left the farm than she started fussing about it and pestering me, wanting to drive, until I finally gave in and we switched places. As we came around a curve, she got out a little too far in the middle of the road just as a horse and buggy were coming. The wheels on that buggy were pretty tall and stuck out so much that they just went right up over the top of the bumper and front fender on the driver's side, and bounced down on the running boards, then back over the rear fender and down to the ground. Just 'bout scared us to death! We got stopped and I ran back to check on them. The farmer said no harm was done and they went on their way. When we got home, I noticed that the fenders had some scratches on them where the buggy had run over the top of them, so I raced into the house and grabbed some black shoe polish to put on them. We never did tell Papa and he never asked about how the scratches got on the fenders when the shoe polish washed off during a rain a few days later."

After winning the election, Luther realized that he needed to move from the country into Metropolis: it was the largest town, most centrally located in the county, and where his office was needed as superintendent of schools. He leased the farm out and the family moved into a small two-bedroom home on Seventh Street before eventually being able to afford a much larger two-story home on the corner of Ninth and Ferry Streets. A small corral was large enough to keep a milk cow to provide nourishment for the youngest children. Later, they would have a home on the east side of North Avenue, just across from the Masonic Cemetery and next to the old Copeland Orchard.

Even though they were still in elementary school, now at Central, Rolland and Paul were once given the job of leading the milk cow from Metropolis back out to the farm where she could graze for a month. By the time they had walked to Joppa, about three-fourths of the 18-mile trip, they were pretty tired young lads. They gladly accepted an offer from a truck driver to ride in the back while holding on to the cow's rope the rest of the way. Paul said, "She was so tired when we arrived at the farm that she plopped down under a shade tree and didn't get up for three days after that, except to get a drink of water."

In Luther's household, helping your neighbor was as normal as breathing. Their neighbor on the north side was Mrs. Easterday and quite naturally, she called upon the young Rolland, a handsome and responsible lad of about 13 years, to accompany her fourth grader son Pat, on a very important mission. They were to walk her registered Jersey to the

Aubrey Fulmer farm, as he was the proud owner of a purebred Jersey bull. This arrangement had produced a very desirable offspring the previous year. The boys and the prestigious bovine were about two miles from their destination, and were getting tired as they reached the Ruford Sommers' farm. His barn yard was enclosed with a split-rail fence and in it stood a handsome Holstein bull. The Holstein and the Jersey seemed most interested in each other, and thinking it wouldn't make much difference, the boys began taking down a section of the rails. They placed the wood across a shallow ditch and the purebred Jersey knew why Rolland and Pat had built that bridge. She very obligingly walked right over into the barnyard to get acquainted with that Holstein.

No one ever was scolded, but the following spring, Mrs. Easterday was overheard telling Luther, according to Paul, "I don't understand it -- I have a purebred Jersey and I sent her to a purebred Jersey bull and now I have a Holstein calf." Rolland told Paul the whole story and they would laugh through the years as they recounted this tale. Of course, they never told the parents, and it remained their secret.

Mischievous? Yes. Practical joker? Sometimes. Keep in mind that this was before radio, television, and video games. They were lucky to get to see a silent movie once in awhile. Paul was right there with the rest of them when it came time to try some youthful adventures. One cold October evening, he and some of his buddies completely disassembled a horse buggy and reassembled it on top of a farmer's barn for Halloween, and they stayed there all night so they could see the owner's reaction the next morning. After everyone enjoyed a good laugh, the boys came out of hiding. They then had to spend the rest of the day taking it apart again and reassembling it for the farmer on the ground before heading home. Paul didn't know it at the time, but as fate would have it, the farmer turned out to be his future grandfather-in-law. Even though he had

PAUL, far right, with some of his young buddies after a fresh snow.

never even met future wife Florence Kennedy yet, another practical joke was pulled on his future father-in-law.

Paul claimed that he was just on the sidelines of this next one, and it is so bad that other members of the family have begged for it to not be revealed. However, it is hilarious and has to be shared even if it might raise the eyebrows of animal rights advocates. Boys will be boys. Paul was hanging out with Nellis Kennedy, who was a year older and would eventually become his brother-in-law. According to Paul, Nellis was always one of the ringleaders in that part of the county, and he thought it would be fun to pull a practical joke on his father, Charlie C. Kennedy, the Massac County road commissioner. After hitching up the buggy for Charlie to ride into town, Paul said they "watched" and waited for Charlie to come out of the house. Nellis poked a few walnuts into the back end of the horse. Then, as Charlie rode into town on the buggy, he could not help but notice the walnuts coming out every now and then. The boys were too embarrassed and scared to explain what had been done after learning that Charlie told several people he "just couldn't understand how his old horse was eating walnuts whole and not even digesting them!"

THE 1923 GRADUATION for eighth graders at Metropolis Central are shown here in front of the Baptist Church. Paul is standing in third row, fifth person from the right, while sister Frances is shown on far left front row. Papa Luther L. Evers, county superintendent of schools, is on the the far right.

As he had done on so many occasions, Paul walked to downtown Metropolis for a visit with his dad at the office on Monday afternoon, Aug. 14, 1922. On his way, a woman. Paul described as being a "busybody," stopped him and asked, "Is it true?"

Paul replied, "About what?"

"That your mother is dead," the woman said.

As you can imagine, it was devastating for the 14 year old. Paul started running and once he got to the building, raced past the secretary and burst into Luther's office. "Papa and I held each other and cried together for more than an hour," Paul said. "Finally, we knew we had to go home and tell the rest of the kids."

The front page of the two local newspapers carried articles on how shocked the community was that Ethel had died in childbirth. For years, Paul often talked about how six doctors had tried to save his mother's life, and some people may have questioned how accurate that might have been. *The Republican Herald* reported in its next edition: "...Drs. Walbright, Starkes, Fisher, Miller, Trovillion and Orr, performed a Caesarean section and Chitvavenous saline, followed by blood transfusion, from her brother who had been sent for to make the sacrifice of blood. The operation was

MRS. LUTHER L. EVERS

Wife Of County Superintendent Of Schools Died Monday.

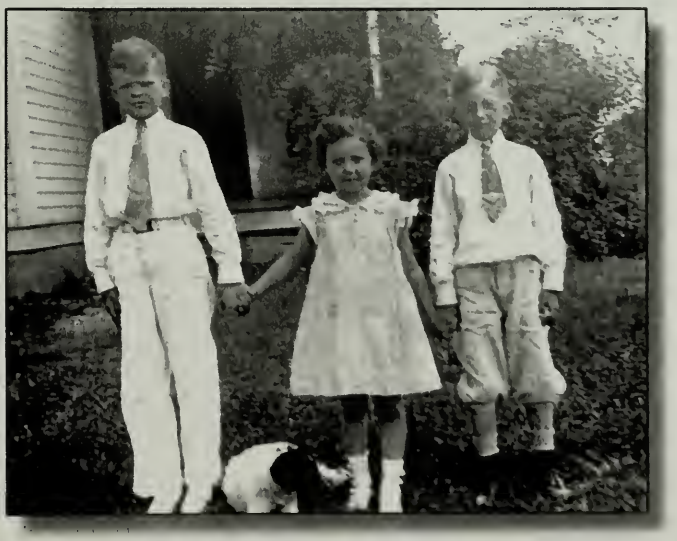
A death that came as a severe shock to the people of Massac county, occurred in Metropolis Monday afternoon at 1:20 o'clock. Mary Ethel, wife of Luther L. Evers, County Superintendent of Schools, died at Walbright hospital, after one of the most desperate fights ever recorded to save a life had been made. Mrs. Evers had not been in the best of health for several months. Sunday night, it developed that only an operation could save her life. Her case was diagnosed as Placenta praevia. She was taken to Walbright hospital, where Drs. Walbright, Starkes, Fisher, Miller, Trovillion and Orr, performed a Caesarean section and Chitvavenous saline, followed by blood transfusion, her brother who had been sent for making the sacrifice of blood. The operation was one of the most delicate that could be made and would have possibly saved her life but her vitality and strength had ebbed too low.

Mrs. Evers was born in Pulaski county, February 5, 1884. She was the daughter of James D. and Nancy H. Bayless. She leaves to mourn her death, her husband, seven small children, two boys and five girls; her father and mother, five brothers, Arnold, Rollie, Ray, Mark and Harley, and four sisters, Mrs. Nora Essex, Mrs. Grace Wood, Oma and Lucy Bayless.

one of the most delicate that could be made and would have possibly saved her life but her vitality and strength had ebbed too low." It would be many decades later before caesareans became a safe and common procedure.

"Her whole Bayless family were very small physically, and this was her ninth pregnancy, so it was probably just too much for her," Paul said. "I don't blame Papa at all, but society in general back then just treated women like broodmares. I know that sounds pretty coarse, but you had to have a large family because so many children would not live to adulthood."

Later that fall, Luther had to take care of some educational business at the Illinois State Fair, and he had Paul accompany him to do the driving. It gave the two of them an opportunity to enjoy some time together and talk a lot. After driving a few hours on gravel road, Luther remembered that he had been meaning to get the tie rod problem fixed on the car, and was concerned about it causing them problems. Even though Paul had not been asked to do anything about it, he was aware of the problem and had fixed it himself without saying anything to Luther. Paul said, "I took care of it." You can imagine how that made both of them feel. Luther explained that he had arranged for him to stay in the men's dormatory, and that Paul would have to stay overnight in the boy's dorm. While Luther went to his meetings, Paul was left to roam the midway and see sights he had never seen before. Saying they didn't have enough money for him to get on any of the rides, Paul just walked and watched.



THE THREE YOUNGEST children of Luther are L.T., Harriett, and Joe.

God works in mysterious ways, and living with tragedy is challenging. After Ethel's death, there had to be some divine intervention going on for

Luther, as the Lord blessed him with not one, but two, beautiful, intelligent, and wonderful wives.

Nellie Trovillion was a new teacher in town who lived only a few blocks away. "She always said she was impressed that Luther managed to get all of us kids dressed and looking sharp every Sunday when we walked to the First Methodist Church after Mother died," Paul said. "Now that I think about it, Papa had us walking a block out of the way I believe just so we had to go past Nellie's house."

A little more than a year later, Luther asked Paul to be his "best man" for their wedding. "Papa gave me an envelope and told me to present it to the preacher after the ceremony," Paul said. "I could feel a coin in it, and knew money was hard to come by then, so I thought I'd open it up and put some more money in it for the preacher but I discovered it was a $20 gold piece."

Nellie and Luther added three more children to the family. The youngest boy is the Rev. Joseph C. Evers, who said, "I don't believe I ever recall any of us talking about half-bothers and half-sisters like so many families do today. We were just one big family." In addition to their two-story house on Ferry Street, Luther had to rent out a second house across the street for awhile before they eventually moved to the edge of town on North Avenue into a larger home.

As the oldest boy in the family, Paul believed it was his responsibility to protect his younger siblings. One of the biggest Metropolis High School football players was pushing around and picking on Rolland one day, especially making fun of the fact that he had to wear such thick glasses. When Paul found out what was going on, he jumped on top of the bully; quickly bloodied his nose, and it took several of the other students to pull him off. It would be a long while before anyone else would make fun of an Evers. Even though he was pretty small, this display of toughness led to Paul's joining the football team. Although Luther was 5-foot-10, Paul was only 5-foot-3 and weighed 135 pounds. Paul was the largest of Luther and Ethel's seven children. "That's because of the genes on my mother's side. I was taller than Grandpa Bayless when I was in elementary school," Paul said.

"One of my high school buddies once nudged me during lunch and said, 'Say, I heard that old so-and-so has a date with Frances; aren't you going to do something about it?' He was worried because the guy had a reputation for being quite a womanizer. I knew that Frances was just as tough as me, and I just told him, 'Nope, my sister can take care of herself.' Well, everyone was laughing the next day, because that big old guy showed up with a black eye after getting a little fresh with her."

Paul discovered once that his little brother L.T. was being threatened daily by a

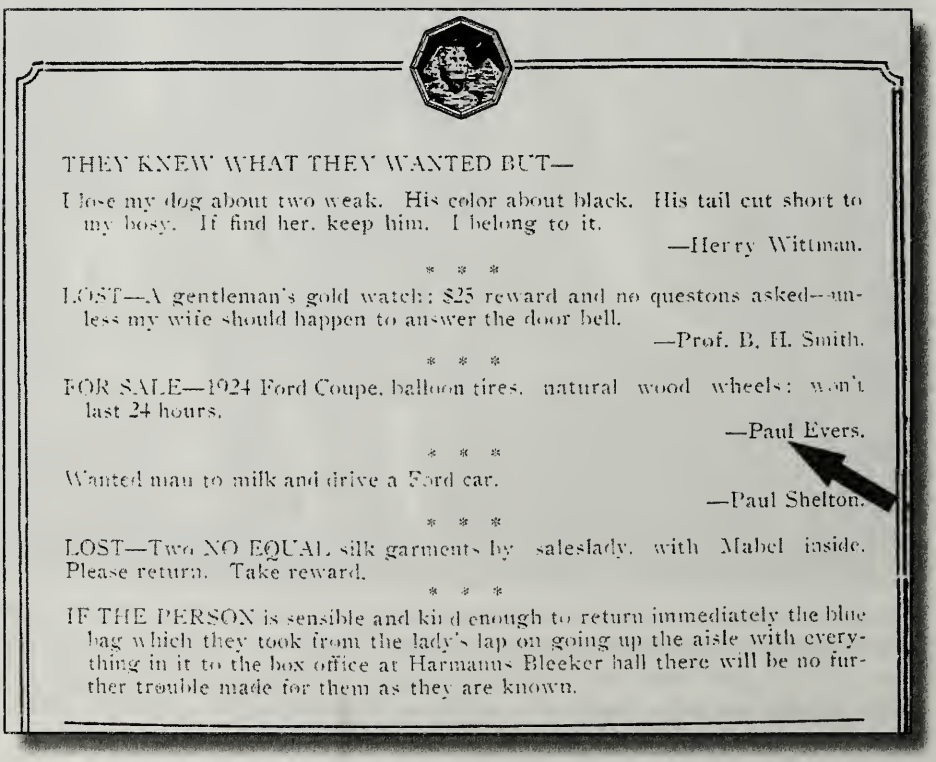
neighborhood bully. Paul gave some lessons to L.T. on how to defend himself as a boxer. The next time the bully showed up, instead of running back into the house, L.T. mustered up enough courage to put both fists up and face the bully head on. With one mighty swing that was perhaps a lucky punch, L.T. bloodied the larger youth's nose, causing the older boy to race home, yelling for his "Mommy!" "L.T. never had any trouble after that with the bully," Paul said, smiling.

During the school year, it was Paul's responsibility to get up extra early so he could lead the milk cow from their home on Ferry Steet down past the high school and railroad tracks to graze in a farmer's pasture each morning. Then he would bring her back home

THE JUNIOR CLASS PLAY at Metropolis High School in 1926 included Paul, who has his arm around Evelyn Neff on far left, front row. Louis Jones, Virginia McGinnis, Agnes Thane and Rita Evans are others seated. Standing are Charlotte Grace, (Burton), Alvie Hardin, Stella Cagle, Spence Kidd, Burdette Bean, Ellen Trampe, Allen Montgomery, and Henry Morris.

to the corral each evening so the family could have fresh milk. After a particularly tough football practice one fall evening, Paul was tired and didn't like facing the uphill one-mile hike. "I climbed up on top of that old cow, and since she knew the routine, she took me right home. I think someone must have called and told Papa about it, because he found out before I even got there. He just got a big laugh out of it."

Riding a cow was not very dignified (teenagers didn't use the word "cool" until half a century later) for a high school student. Paul leaped at an opportunity to buy a wrecked Model T to fix up. An elderly doctor had run off the side of the road and crashed into a ditch the first time he drove his brand-new Ford Model T Speedster. The doctor felt the "contraption" was too dangerous and decided to go back to a safer horse and buggy. "It wasn't damaged too bad so I bought it for only $50. I ordered a new windshield and top from Sears and Roebuck, installed them, and it looked almost new again," Paul said.



THEY KNEW WHAT THEY WANTED BUT—

I lose my dog about two weak. His color about black. His tail cut short to my bosy. If find her, keep him. I belong to it.

—Herry Wittman.

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LOST—A gentleman's gold watch; $25 reward and no questons asked—unless my wife should happen to answer the door bell.

—Prof. B. H. Smith.

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FOR SALE—1924 Ford Coupe, balloon tires, natural wood wheels; won't last 24 hours.

—Paul Evers.

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Wanted man to milk and drive a Ford car.

—Paul Shelton.

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LOST—Two NO EQUAL silk garments by saleslady, with Mabel inside. Please return. Take reward.

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IF THE PERSON is sensible and kind enough to return immediately the blue bag which they took from the lady's lap on going up the aisle with everything in it to the box office at Harmanus Bleeker hall there will be no further trouble made for them as they are known.

It didn't take long for him to get into trouble with it. He got down low on the floor of the Model T to hide and then held up a mirror to steer it and drive through downtown Metropolis, just to see if he could make people think it was a runaway car. Later, he drove through town in reverse, because "I was immature and just being a smart aleck." That resulted in him being stopped and getting chewed out by a constable.

Unfortunately, or perhaps fortunately (even Paul was unsure), he didn't get much of a chance to enjoy that car very long. While down at the pool hall one evening, a "friend" kept bugging him until Paul finally gave in, letting him borrow the car for just a few minutes to go and pick up a girlfriend. The Model T apparently stalled on the railroad tracks and the friend jumped out of it just seconds before a train smashed into it. Instead of offering to pay for destroying Paul's car, the so-called friend made threats of suing both Paul and Luther for giving him an "unsafe" vehicle to drive. Not wanting to damage his father's reputation, as Luther was up for reelection, Paul never pressed for retribution, and he had learned a valuable lesson the hard way. Adding insult to injury, the railroad company threatened to file charges if Paul didn't get the wrecked car moved off their property, and he had to hire a wrecker to tow it away. He did manage to sell the motor, still like new, for $40 to help recover some of the cost.

Because of that incident, the following was printed in a joke section of his high school yearbook: "FOR SALE–1924 Ford Coupe, balloon tires, natural wood wheels; won't last 24 hours. – Paul Evers."

Paul's indiscretion as a youthful driver continued one evening when he took Luther's new Model T over to nearby Paducah with his best high school friend, Bill Sumner. Similar to what still occurs even today, the teenagers decided they needed to test out who had the fastest cars, and some Kentucky boys directed Paul to a paved street down close to the Ohio River. It took awhile to learn why they wanted him to be in a certain lane when they quickly took off down a deserted road. Suddenly, the Kentuckians hit the brakes while Paul and Bill were raising their hands in what they thought was a great victory. Shouts of joy quickly turned into cries of horror as they discovered that they were flying through some freshly laid cement that was just starting to set up. They discovered the Kentucky teens had removed a barrier and warning sign, so they realized they had been snookered into a real mess. After a great deal of struggling, Paul and Bill managed to pull the car out. They tried to get the cement off as best they could by washing it under moonlight at midnight by the river. The boys kept a pretty low profile for the next few days. In Paul's creative mind, he believed that Luther must be wondering why Ford would put cement on the underside of fenders and axles.

The school board hired a new teacher named Oliver Tripp. The aspiring young man arrived by train and then walked to the office of the superintendent where he asked to speak with Luther. Oliver told Luther of his plight. He knew himself to be frugal and he had enough money in his pocket to buy his food for a month, but he didn't have funds enough to pay for lodging. He hoped it would be possible for Luther to speak for him at the Metropolis Hotel. He needed credit to rent a room until he received his first pay check. At that time, he could pay his bill in full. Luther's reply was, "Get your suitcase and bring it to my house. We have a spare room and you can stay with my family."

It worked very well for all concerned. Paul studied under Oliver, as did Paul's children when Tripp eventually became the principal. Oliver was a dedicated teacher who devoted his entire career, encouraging young men and women to believe in themselves and become

PICTURED IN THE back row in 1927 are Rolland, Stelsa, Evelyn, Frances, and Paul, while in the front are Vivienne, Nellie, L.T., Luther holding Joe, and Helen. Luther and Nellie's youngest child, Harriett, had not been born yet.

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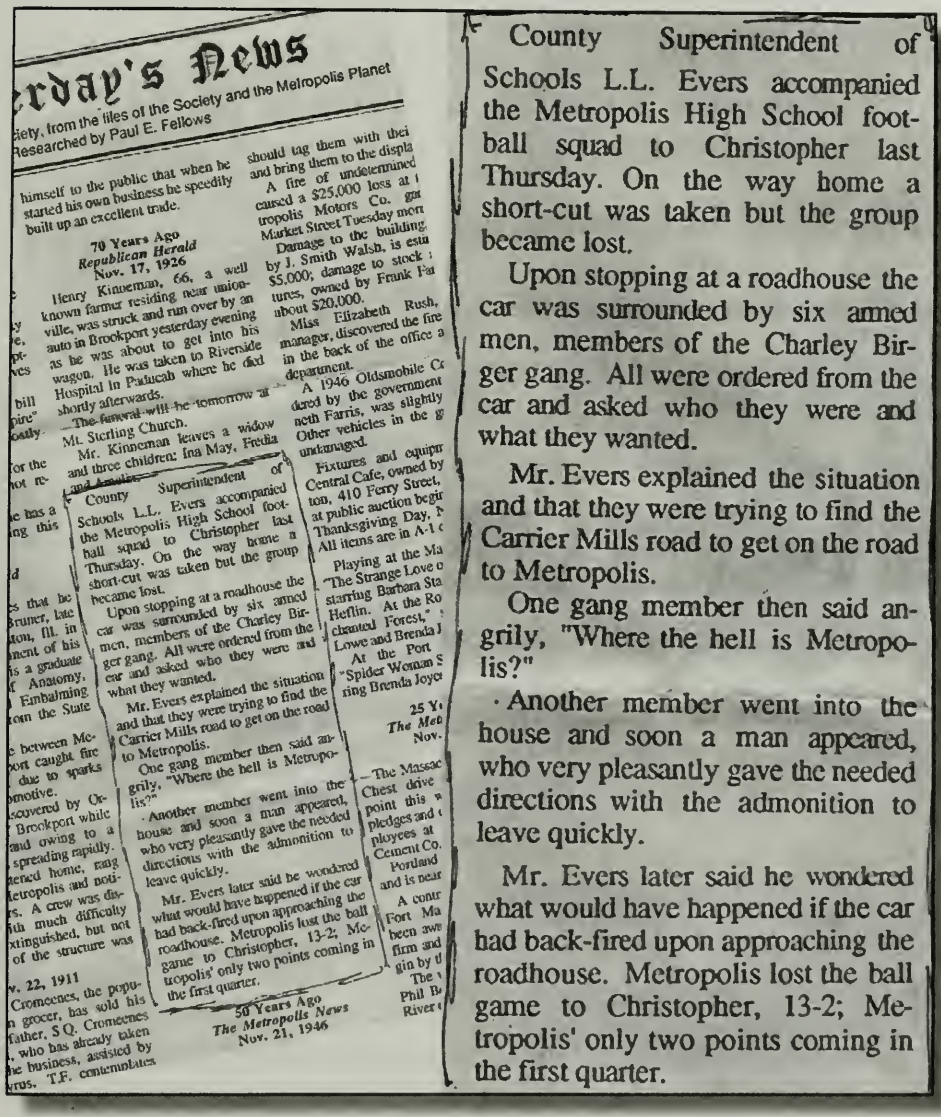

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ciety, from the files of the Society and the Metropolis Planet
Researched by Paul E. Fellows

himself to the public that when he started his own business he speedily built up an excellent trade.

70 Years Ago
Republican Herald
Nov. 17, 1926

Henry Kinneman, 66, a well known farmer residing near unionville, was struck and run over by an auto in Brookport yesterday evening as he was about to get into his wagon. He was taken to Riverside Hospital in Paducah where he died shortly afterwards.

The funeral will be tomorrow at Mt. Sterling Church.

Mr. Kinneman leaves a widow and three children: Ina May, Fredia and Amelia.

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A fire of undetermined caused a $25,000 loss at tropolis Motors Co. gar Market Street Tuesday morn

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The Metropolis News
Nov. 21, 1946

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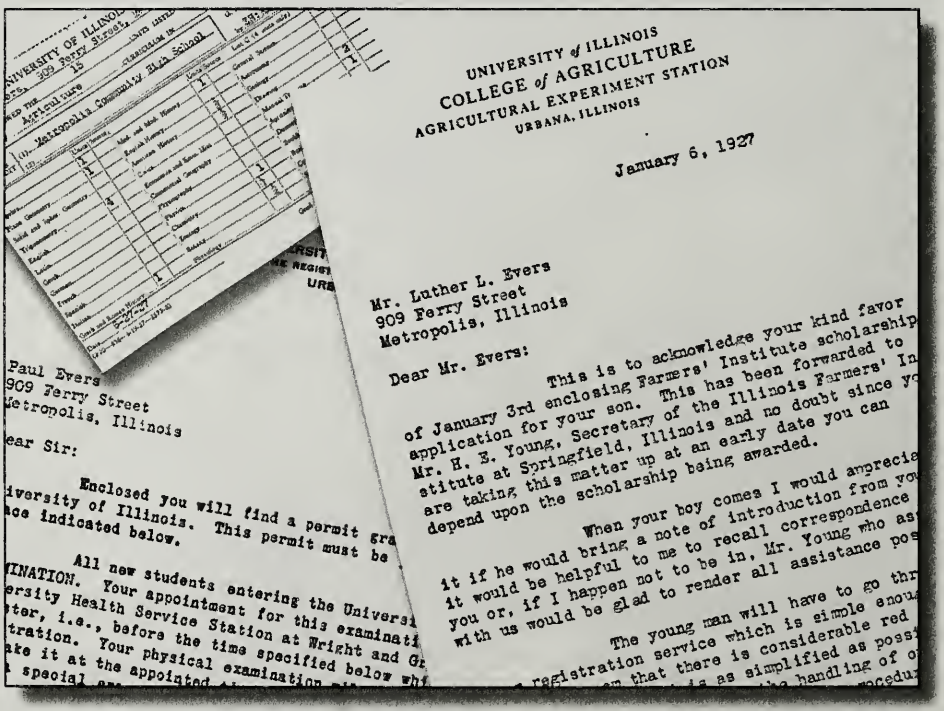
principal always delighted in telling any of the Everses who would listen about how scared he use to be of Paul's driving. According to Oliver, Paul drove on the sidewalk on the way home, and then had his father's car going sideways several times on the old gravel roads when Luther had asked his son to take the teacher somewhere.

Bill was a good mechanic, and he and Paul decided their senior year to take an old Ford engine and install it on a homemade wooden boat. They were always fascinated at the boat traffic going up and down the Ohio. Kind of like the *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn,* it was almost as if the low-sounding, loud foghorns tugboats used were calling to them. "We took off up the river with just the clothes we were wearing," Paul said. "We were gone for almost a week and went up the river a long ways. We'd sleep on the banks at nighttime." Since they were about 17 years old at the time, Paul said their parents were not real concerned, although Luther did comment that he wished they had told him first.

During the 1920s, the Shelton and Birger gangs were involved in bootleg liquor,



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COLLEGE of AGRICULTURE
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URBANA, ILLINOIS

January 6, 1927

Mr. Luther L. Evers
909 Ferry Street
Metropolis, Illinois

Dear Mr. Evers:

This is to acknowledge your kind favor of January 3rd enclosing Farmers' Institute scholarship application for your son. This has been forwarded to Mr. H. E. Young, Secretary of the Illinois Farmers' In stitute at Springfield, Illinois and no doubt since yo are taking this matter up at an early date you can depend upon the scholarship being awarded.

When your boy comes I would apprecia it if he would bring a note of introduction from yo it would be helpful to me to recall correspondence you or, if I happen not to be in, Mr. Young who as with us would be glad to render all assistance pos

The young man will have to go thr registration service which is simple enou on that there is considerable red as simplified as possi handling of o

Paul Evers
909 Ferry Street
Metropolis, Illinois

ear Sir:

Enclosed you will find a permit fra iversity of Illinois. This permit must be ace indicated below.

All new students entering the Universi INATION. Your appointment for this examinati ersity Health Service Station at Wright and Gr ter, i.e., before the time specified below whi tration. Your physical examination ake it at the appointed a special ex

gambling, cockfights, and dog fights. They had several "hideouts" in Southern Illinois for trips to St. Louis. Paul said, "One night after we had played a football game. Papa said to toss the pads in the back seat, jump in and let's take off because it was a long drive back to Metropolis. He decided to take what he thought was a shortcut. After awhile, we had been driving and driving on the gravel roads, and we still had not made it to the main highway. We saw lights on at a place off the road, so he drove there to find out where we were. Six men with shotguns immediately jumped out of nowhere and surrounded the car." *The Republican Herald* newspaper reported in its Nov. 17, 1926 edition, "All were ordered out from the car and asked who they were and what they wanted. Mr. Evers explained the situation and that they were trying to find the Carrier Mills road to get on the road to Metropolis. One gang member then asked angrily, 'Where the hell is Metropolis?' Another member went in the house and soon a man appeared, who very pleasantly gave the needed directions with the admonition to leave quickly. Mr. Evers later said he wondered what would have happened if the car had back-fired upon approaching the roadhouse." Paul said he was surprised that his Dad didn't immediately realize that it was the Charlie Birger gang. "I had to tell him that," Paul said.

Luther, who graduated in only a couple of years at Mounds City High School, went to college at Normal for teachers in Carbondale at what is now Southern Illinois University. He pressured all of his children to get as much education as possible. When Paul graduated from high school at Metropolis, he received a scholarship to the University of Illinois. His sister, Frances, who advanced two grades in one year, graduated from Murray (now a state university in Kentucky) in 1929, before becoming an elementary school teacher. "I helped Papa take her down there and move her into the dorm," Paul said. "She really didn't want to stay and begged him to take her home. After we left Murray, Frances ran down to the bus station and bought a ticket, and she almost beat us back to Metropolis. Luther made her get right back in the car with us and go back down to Murray again (about 60 miles away)." Another sister, Stelsa, went to nursing school and eventually became a head nurse at the Metropolis Hospital.

"Rolland was the only one of us who had enough guts to tell Papa flat out that he absolutely refused to go to college," Paul said. He became successful with Bonifield Bros. Truck Line company. "Vivienne went to beauty school up north and I believe Helen went to business school," Paul said. "L.T. was very smart and should have been valedictorian when he graduated, but Luther was afraid that people would gossip and say he got the honor just because he was the superintendent's son. Luther instructed the teachers give a test to the top two students who were tied grade-wise for valedictorian, and L.T. came out on top.

Then Luther forced the teachers to regrade the test a second time, this time with the other person getting the honor. L.T. joined the Navy and fought in World War II. After service he attended college.

"I always believed that Harriett [Luther's youngest daughter] was the smartest one of all of us. She was reading the entire Bible before she ever went to elementary school. Harriett was offered an opportunity to do research at a big university or for a company up north after graduating from Southern Illinois University, but she got married instead. I drove to Carbondale once to visit her, but she wasn't at her dorm room. Her roommate told Harriett that some short, fat, middle aged man had come by looking for her," said Paul, adding that both he and his sister always laughed at that description, because he really wasn't all that much older, nor was he really fat, but he *was* short. "Joe, went on to get the highest degree of everyone, a PhD, and became a minister."

To help pay for college, Paul worked a few weeks roofing houses with a football player named Harold Grange. Better known now as "Red" Grange, the "Galloping Ghost" at the University of Illinois was named the greatest college football player of all time by ESPN in 2008. Paul said, "He was an okay guy. I didn't think much about him back then, as it was just a job for both of us to help make ends meet."

World War I had started when Paul was a child, and even though it had ended, there were already early concerns about a possible second world war. Since Paul's eyesight was so bad that the regular military would not accept him, he managed to get enlisted in the Citizen's Military Training at Fort Sheridan, Ill. That was cut short when Lt. Col. L.J. Owen, a surgeon, disqualified Paul for defective vision in 1926.

"When I was at Urbana, the university there, you had to take a course in military science. Well, I took the cavalry, because that way I could work with a horse." Paul discovered right away that his horse knew exactly what the different whistles were for and what different commands meant for them to do. Paul would drop the reins and just let the horse make all of the correct maneuvers. "All of us students were supposed to have read and studied what one whistle, two whistles, and so on and so forth was supposed to mean. Well, the first two times, I and my horse were the only ones going the right way. I was smart enough to not try and guide my horse. I let him go where he wanted to, because he *knew*." It was complete chaos for the rest of the class, as "They went every which way. One went this way and another that way. They would run together and pile up in the middle. Our commander stood there laughing and said [to Paul] 'you are a smart boy to do that.'"

One of his responsibilities was to clean the stalls two or three times a week for his horse. As he did this, he was able to find numerous and unusual bugs and pin them in cigar boxes as part of his biology class assignment. He was stunned when his elderly biology professor accused him of cheating for having found that many unusual bugs by himself so quickly in that part of the state. He flunked Paul for the entire course. Back then, students didn't challenge their professors. "He wouldn't even listen, and just kept calling me a liar and a cheat. I hadn't done a thing wrong, but I was ashamed and I felt I had damaged the Evers name, so I quit. That was after the stock market had crashed, making it tough to find work. I went to Detroit to work at the Kelsey Hayes wheel factory for awhile."

Ch. 4

Plow Through Depression to Shining Sea

By Byron L. Evers

As the economy grew worse during the Great Depression. Paul went back to Metropolis to help Luther with the large family. working at the ice plant near the river, on the farm some, and driving his father to school functions. He met Florence Kennedy at an old-fashioned box supper and dance. When asked why they got married in 1930. Paul simply said, "Because she loved me! And, I loved her too! It was during the depression. and I didn't think I had the right to ask Florence to marry me even though I wanted to. After going together for several months, we were out on a double date with Lillian Kennedy [Florence's sister] one evening when Florence asked me if I wanted to marry her. and I said I sure did. So, we drove to Vienna and got married that night. We were afraid to tell our parents the next day. Mrs. Ellen [Florence's mother] went right out and bought a new mattress and brought it home so we could have a bed at their house. Mrs.

Ellen really liked that I worked at the ice plant because I'd always bring a block home after work for their icebox."

Paul was fortunate to have both a father and a father-in-law who were well-respected politicians in Massac County. Luther was nominated for county superintendent of schools one year by both the Republicans and Democrats after he had been doing such a great job. He was reelected so many times that his 20 plus years in office were longer than any other superintendent in the county. Prior to that he had taught school for 16 years. Charlie C. Kennedy was elected 11 times to two-year terms as county road commissioner.

"Charlie helped a lot of people make it through the Depression by hiring several different men with families, and letting them share the available work through the week. That way he could help more families just a little bit." Charlie hired Paul to work with him on a big project to construct a bridge over the top of the railroad tracks north of town. That 80-year-old bridge is located about a mile west of North Avenue, now known as County Road #1, and the intersection of County Road #13. It is still being used today. Paul said, "One of the nice things about getting that overpass bridge built is that it enabled Charlie and all of his relatives [and others] who had farms a few miles west of there to get into Metropolis easier."

Paul and Florence's first child, Georgia, has never forgotten one lasting impression of her Grandpa Charlie Kennedy. "When I was about three years old and playing in the yard, without warning, Charlie grabbed me, picked me up, and then ran in front of an approaching train. It about scared me to death." Charlie apparently knew that they would be okay if they would lay down flat on the ties between the rails. As the train passed over the top of them just inches away, Charlie shared with her that he did it so she would have something to always remember about him."

Although it hurt to talk about it, Paul admitted that he once "had a bit of a drinking

problem" for a short time, and it took a bold move on the part of his wife for him to overcome it. "I was on the edge of becoming an alcoholic. Jobs were pretty scarce, and I got to where each weekend I'd go out and party some with friends. Then, a couple of the men in particular would get me to go to town with them with a wagon load of corn, and after getting the money for it, we'd get liquored up pretty good. Finally, Florence got fed up with it and took Georgia, who was just a couple years old, back to stay with her parents for a week. I went over to visit, and had a good talk with her and Charlie. When I asked Georgia if she was ready to go home, she said she couldn't because Grandpa Charlie told her I was becoming an alcoholic. That really shook some sense into me, and I completely quit drinking." As his son, I never saw Dad take but one drink. He drank a beer at the celebration when Georgia and Earl Wiedeman announced their engagement in 1957.

Paul and Luther worked out a lease agreement for them to split any possible profit if he could make a living on the old farm. "Florence and I tried it for four years, but it was really tough during the Depression. We were selling corn for only a few pennies a bushel, less than what we had paid for the seed. We were barely making it." Paul said. For a while, Florence's younger brother Dick Kennedy lived with them. "Since we didn't have an extra bedroom, we just hung up a quilt around his bed in the living-room."

Paul, Georgia Ann, and Florence.

Most people believe that policemen invented speed bumps in the 1970s to slow down speeders. Although he never claimed to have invented the speed bump, Paul may have been one of the first to use one during the 1930s. There is a long, downhill slope going west from Hillerman towards the farm. One person in particular was known to routinely race down it in his old delivery truck on his way to Cairo with eggs and milk. Paul had asked the driver several times to slow down, because he was constantly running over and killing some of his and brother Rolland's chickens, which would go back and forth across the road from the farm house to the barn. After loosing three

Florence Kennedy Evers' grandfather Robert Taylor Kennedy was the son of Robert Kennedy, who was born Oct. 3, 1791, in Schenectady, N.Y., and died June 28, 1874, in Metropolis after moving there in 1847. The Massac Journal newspaper, on July 4, 1874, included the following in his obituary "...The U.S. being then on the eve of war with Great Britain, he enlisted as a soldier and served his country through the War of 1812, having the honor to escort Gen. Jackson's wife from Nashville, Tenn. through a then almost unbroken wilderness of fourteen hundred miles, to her victorious husband at New Orleans." He married Hannah Ensloe (B Jan. 14 1800; D Oct. 16, 1884) on March 22, 1818, in Scioto, Ohio. Besides Robert Taylor Kennedy, their children included John, Rezin, David E., Mary Ann, James McHenry, Levi Nix, Jane L., Rachel E., Julia Agnes, William H., Doctor D., and Hannah Juiletta. Most of the Kennedy family in Massac County are buried at two locations – the Bumgardner and the Kennedy cemeteries.

John Kennedy Sr. (B 1713) and his wife Mary (B Aug. 16, 1716) are the eldest's ancestors we can trace back on Florence's side of the family. One of their children was John Kennedy Jr. (B May 6, 1748), who married Nancy Wasson on July 2, 1788, at the Protestant Dutch Church in Schenectady, N.Y. He fought in the Revolutionary War, and was the father of Robert, and grandfather of Robert Taylor Kennedy.

Charles C. Kennedy (B April 14, 1878; D Dec. 4, 1942) married Ella Garrett on Oct. 3, 1900. Their children, brothers and sisters to Florence, are listed below, along with husbands, wives, and their children.

Hazel Jesse Kennedy (B Sept 26, 1901; D May 31, 1938). Married Louis Kommer in 1920. Children: Lois, Charles, Delbert, Donald, and Phyllis.

Robert Garrett Kennedy (B Sept. 20, 1903; D March 25,1919).

Eldred Charles Kennedy (B July 23, 1905; D July 4, 1979). Married Rhoda Sullivan Sept. 5, 1926. Children: Bill, Dale, Katherine, Scott, and Paul.

Nellis Lowell Kennedy (B Oct. 19, 1907; D May 8,1992). Married Dora Ester Womack June 11, 1926. Children: Charles Nellis "Buck", Lloyd Ray, Lowell Thomas, Virgie Lee, Richard Lewis, Jack Loren, Stephen Andrew, and Patrick Allen.

Anna Mae Kennedy (B July 14, 1909; D July 14, 1991). Married Olin Phillips Oct. 9, 1930. Children: Willard and Lindell.

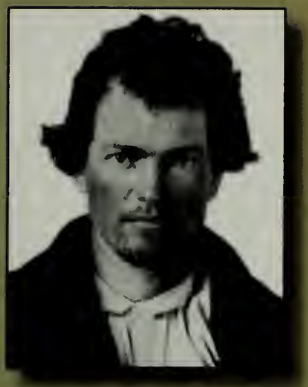
Jeanette Florence Kennedy (B April 15; 1912. D July 21, 1979). Married James Paul Evers Oct. 5, 1930. Children: Georgia Ann, Charles Lafayette, Janice Kay, and Byron Lynn.

Lillian Mildred Kennedy (B Nov. 28, 1914; D Nov. 9, 2002) Married Curtis Stewart March 7, 1937. Children: Bobby and Boyd.

Blanche Evelyn Kennedy (B Sept. 3, 1917; D July 13, 1997) Married Paul Tissier ?. Children: Patricia and Paul. Married Jerry Palovick in 1963.

Richard George Kennedy (B May 6, 1922; D March 11, 1989). Married Mary Frances Goodall Sept. 23, 1946. Children: John. Married Emma Jean Corzine June 8, 1963. Children: Patrick.

Roberta Jane Kennedy (B 1925; D 1926).



PAUL EVERS had hardly even noticed his future wife Florence Kennedy (second from left in front row) when they were children, and he was friends with her brother Nellis. The top two photos are her grandfather Robert Taylor Kennedy (1844-1886) and great-grandfather Robert Kennedy (1791-1874). Identified in this group picture by sister Lillian are (left to right, front) Blanche Kennedy, Florence, Anna Mae Kennedy, Lillian Kennedy, Florence Dean, Verna Dean, (second row) Mr. Duncan, George Garrett, Annie Nix Garrett, Aunt Mandie Nix Dean, Aunt Jennie Burkey, Mr Burkey, (third row) Mrs. Duncan, Ella G. Kennedy, Charles C. Kennedy, Nellis Kennedy, Ruben Devers, Imagene Devers, Maggie Dean, (fourth row) Grandma Eliza Kennedy, Eldred Kennedy, Murrey Dean, Mr. Dean (husband of Aunt Mandie) or brother Wiley Nix, brother of Grandma Garrett.

This was a time when it was common for there to be huge families, as often children would never make it to adulthood due to the tough living conditions. When the Evers and Kennedy families got together for special events, there were always plenty of kinfolks. James Paul Evers was one of 11 children his father Luther had. Paul's wife Florence Kennedy Evers was one of 10 children her parents had. The Kennedys owned the General May home on the west side of the railroad tracks on May Avenue in the west part of Metropolis, which is known as Mimosa Heights. Pictured above at this 1939 Christmas gathering, according to Lillian Kennedy, are Richard Kennedy, Ella Kennedy, Blanche Kennedy Polivick, Charles C. Kennedy, Nettie Crawford, Henry Kotter, Curtis Stewart, Lillian Kennedy Stewart, Bobby Gene Stewart, Delbert Kommer, Lawrence Kommer, Nina Kommer, Jim Kommer, Jerry Oliver, Ruth Oliver, Wayne Oliver, Charles Nellis Kennedy, Tom Kennedy and baby Vergie, Nellis Kennedy, Phyllis Kommer, Donald Kommer, Charles Kommer and Louis G. Kommer. Florence Kennedy Evers is pictured in the photos on the right that were made in the 1940s.

chickens to the speeding delivery truck one day, Paul hitched up the horses and drug a log across the road. He did it just before sunset, knowing no one else would be using the road until the next morning. He then covered it up with gravel and made sure there was a sign down the road, warning drivers to slow down on the country road.

"Well, about sunrise the next morning, here he came, flying down that hill," Paul said. "When his truck hit that log, all four wheels went up in the air, and when it landed, it fishtailed around and probably broke every egg in that truck and spilled all the milk. The guy never even stopped, he just kept on going. It scared me so bad that I went back out and drug the log over to the barn. He never did say anything to me after that, but he always slowed down when he got near our farm."

Florence's younger brother Dick Kennedy lived with her and Paul twice – once for a couple of years on the farm, and then later when he came out of the Marine Corp in Cairo. If you look closely at the front wheel near his shin you will see a baseball card flipping on the spokes.

After getting tired of not being able to make anything as a farmer for a four years, he and Luther decided to let some other struggling relatives work the land, since they had lost theirs during the Depression and had no place to go. Paul had already gotten an offer working as a Singer sewing machine salesman in Cairo. "I would cut my commission and make less money per machine, but I quickly became their top salesman by selling more machines," said Paul. His boss was such a tyrant that Paul hated his job and was fortunate when he "bumped" into something better one day. He was driving around a narrow back road to visit relatives near the farm when he and Captain Haynes, a well-known and highly respected tugboat captain, had a small fender bender. Nobody was hurt, and Haynes offered him a job on his boat as a coal-passer. Paul did good work and quickly progressed to a deckhand,

and then to laundryman.

Paul settled in for three decades, working on tugboats going up and down the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. He studied hard and eventually passed certification to become a licensed engineer. He was a longtime member of the premiere maritime union for engineers and officers of the United States Merchant Marine.

One of Paul's early tugboats he worked on was the William G. Clyde, a large paddle-wheel boat. Paul was not injured, but he was working on it when the engine room blew up in 1934, killing two crewmen on the Mississippi River near Cape Girardeau, Mo.

FLORENCE KENNEDY (1912-1979) and Paul married in 1930.

The 1937 flood on the Ohio River is often described as the worst natural disaster to ever hit middle-America. More than a million people were left homeless, 385 died, and property loss was over $500 million. It came suddenly in an unusual time of the year, starting in January after record rainfalls and snow. Florence and Georgia escaped by going several miles north and being taken in by a caring farmer. Paul stayed behind with a few other men volunteering to close the floodgates and help protect the town of Cairo as best they could. The flood was so devastating that civic and industrial groups demanded authorities create a comprehensive plan for future flood control. This resulted in several dams and many more flood walls being built along the Ohio River.

While living in Cairo during World War II, Florence worked at a defense plant, making the triggering device that would be placed in the nose of torpedoes that would be used by submarines. Once more, Paul tried to join the military, but they rejected him again because his eyesight was so poor. Although he could successfully pass the engineering exam questions with flying colors, Paul was in danger once of not being able to pass the required eye exam, even with his thick glasses. The Cairo physician who was administering the exam knew Paul was going to have difficulty with this part of the exam. It was near lunch time, so the doctor told Paul he had "forgotten" to bring in the eye chart that day. He

told Paul to pick up the eye chart from the physican's car and take it along to a restaurant. He could bring it back to the doctor's office after lunch to complete the exam. Paul felt this was really saying for him to study the eye chart until "I had it memorized, enabling me to give the right answers when asked. So I did and he passed me. I always appreciated that

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the doctor knew I was a good engineer and his trust in me was incentive to always be the best I could be.

Paul and Florence's first son, Charles, died during World War II. His condition was miss diagnosed after the three-old suffered a ruptured appendix. "I don't care how old you get, you never get over losing a child." Paul said 60 years later.

Once when his boat was docked on the Mississippi near St. Louis, Paul joined the crew on a visit to a nearby restaurant/bar. As they started to pay their tab, the cute waitress, who had been noticeably attentive to Paul during their time there, told him and the rest of the men to not worry about it; she would take care of the bill and for them to go on their way. The crew teased Paul, saying they didn't realize that he had such a way with the female gender. He eventually let them in on the fact that the waitress was his wife's sister, Blanche Kennedy Tissier. Blanch had respected her brother-in-law so much that she named her son after both him and her husband.

A few years later, when Blanche and her children were spending some time one summer with Paul and Florence, Paul had a great interest in his nephew, and showed him some handyman skills, one being how to repair his bicycle. Younger Paul was so inspired by his uncle's attention that he vowed he would grow up to be a good and deadicated person like his uncle. He fulfilled his commitment, becoming a much-respected manager for a

GEORGIA ANN stands on runningboard of her parents' 1932 Model B Ford. Ford,in Cairo.

successful, large auto dealership in St. Louis.

Paul had been born on January 6, the day of Epiphany. The term epiphany means to show or to reveal. Epiphany celebrates God's revealing love. Paul's mother was a very dedicated and religious woman. She believed that Paul's birth was a sign that he would carry the message of God's love. While Paul did not become a minister, he did exemplify the Christ like love for all to see –We are all worthy of forgiveness and mercy. Perhaps his namesakes are evidence of the light Paul brought into many people's lives. Other relatives who named children after Paul include his sister, Harriett, his brother, L.T., daughter Georgia, son Byron, and grandson Stewart Wiedeman.

The upper Mississippi River and the Great Lakes can be extremely harsh in the middle of winter. "One evening, our boat got trapped in ice when things froze up so quickly, that even the ducks and geese on the river couldn't move because their legs were frozen in the ice. I got up the next morning to go throw them some bread, but some animals, probably foxes or coyotes, had already eaten them, because they were easy pickin'," Paul said. "Another time we got trapped in Lake Michigan for several days a few miles out from Chicago. We heard the radio announcer on WLS saying that our boat was trapped and on fire and they could see a big blaze. We started running around on the boat looking for the fire before we eventually figured out they were seeing our

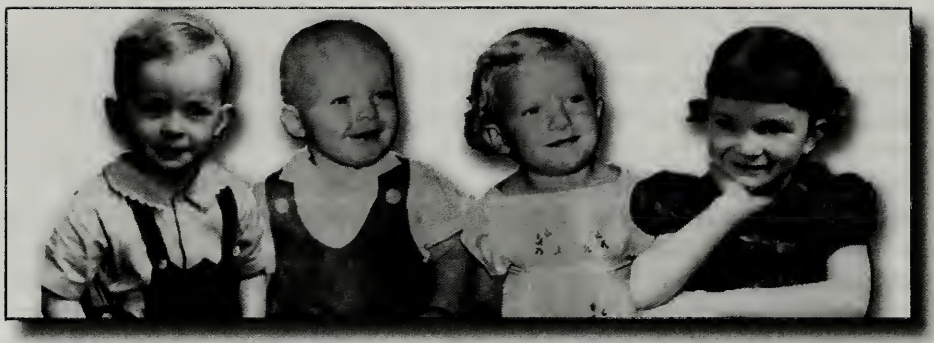
FLORENCE KENNEDY EVERS' mother, Ellen Kennedy, seated, is pictured here with her children on Sept. 22, 1947. Nellis is on the chair-arm, while standing are Eldred, Florence, Richard (Dick), Blanche, and Lillian.

spotlight bouncing off the big chunks of ice, and they thought it was fire."

There were many life-threatening events too close for comfort for Paul, including several strokes, but perhaps the most challenging situation may have been in the late 1940s. He became ill with tuberculosis and completely gave up smoking. TB was a killer, and there was no known cure then. He was sent to an experimental hospital at Fort Stanton, N.M., where men were volunteering to take different kinds of treatments to try and find a cure for the disease. Of the more than 100 men with tuberculosis Paul met there, he said he was the only one he knew of who was able to walk out alive after spending more than a year at the hospital. "They gave us all kinds of different treatments, but they didn't really cure me. The doctors told me I'd always be coughing up this fluid I have that accumulates in my lungs. They said it would not be contagious, and that I might live awhile longer. It was there in that hospital while fighting TB that I decided to really completely turn my life over to Christ. I asked Him to help me to get out of there so I could take care of my family." Also inspirational to him was Dr. Norman Vincent Peale's *The Power of Positive Thinking*. "Everyone should read it in addition to the Bible when you are faced with challenges in life."

PAUL gets his haircut in the experimental hospital at Fort Stanton, N.M., where he spent more than a year for treament of his tuberculosis.

Florence was managing as best as she could at their home on 20th Street in Metropolis by cooking meals and providing sleeping cots for railroad men. Some were sleeping on the back porch, and others were even sleeping in the attic. She worked at home also as a seamstress, and refurbished antique furniture. Since he was still too ill to return to work, Paul's company and union offered him a tempting payout if he would just quit and go on disability. However, that wasn't for him, and he turned it down.



THE FOUR CHILDREN of Paul and Florence are Charles, Byron, Janice, and Georgia, shown above when they were close to being the same age.

Paul eventually became strong enough to return to engineering on the rivers for another decade, earning his chief engineering license. The Teamsters Union forced his Mississippi Valley Barge Line company to fire everyone already employed who would not join them when they took over the company, so Paul switched to being a merchant marine engineer and went to the Great Lakes and oceans for 16 more years of engineering.

In the mid-1950s, Paul and Florence purchased Carl Wiedeman's old farmhouse that ancestors had built 100 years earlier. They hired Florence's Kennedy kinfolks to move it to where they cleared an acre of land off State Highway 45 east of Metropolis, and then restored the home.

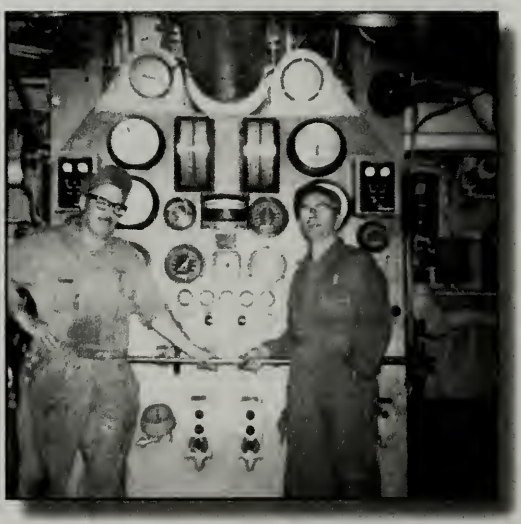
Many of Paul's nieces and nephews, and even their friends, still recall the nifty tree house he built for his children that was the site of many fun sleepovers. Seems like most every visitor to the homestead became an overnight guest of the tree-house. Also, everyone loved picking the paper shell pecans each fall from the large trees in the

PICTURED IN GROUP ARE Byron, Janice, Florence, Jimmy (James Paul) Wiedeman, Paul, Teresa Wiedeman, Georgia and Earl Wiedeman holding Glenn Wiedeman. Florence's photo (top, right) was on the front page of the St. Louis Post when Paul was trying to prevent the Teamsters union from taking over their company, which resulted in him getting fired. That was the turning point, causing him to pursue a career at sea.

back yard. We were also allowed to fish in the Wiedeman's lake behind the house.

Possibly the best fisherman in Metropolis, not just in the Evers family, was Paul's brother Rolland. That is where Rolland taught me how to spin cast fishing plugs to fool my first large-mouth bass. It was probably only a three pounder or so, but it sure seemed like a whopper. I got so excited that I asked Uncle Rolland to take me to the store that evening to advise me on what kind of fishing rod and plugs to buy with the money I had saved from mowing lawns. I went out by myself the next morning, and will never forget the shock after the first mighty cast. The brand new Shakespeare rod and reel sailed out into the lake, and the only thing I had left in my hand was the cork handle. After telling him what had happen, Dad advised me to get some more fishing lessons from Rolland. However, he quickly helped me get over the remorse of my loss by finishing up building a really "cool" go-cart for me. There was always a new project of some kind that he enjoyed doing for family. Times and projects became even more special, knowing they would see all of us through those long months when Dad was at sea.

The shipping company Paul worked for in New York found themselves in a dilemma once and contracted him and his best friend, Everett Medley of Paducah, Ky., to fly to Turkey to bring a ship in need of repairs, back to the United States. When they landed at the airport, they hired a taxi to take them several dozen miles to the seaport, passing through a mountainous region. "That taxi driver was the craziest I've ever seen," Paul said. "He was on both sides of the narrow road, sliding off the side at times and just racing as fast as he could go. Boy, were we glad when we finally arrived at the ship all in one piece".



Although he spent most of his time on freighters and tankers, the largest one he engineered was a troop ship, the Simon Buckner. It could transport more than 3,000 American military men at a time to German bases before being deployed to a variety of places in Europe and Asia. "One day while in Germany, Everett and I decided to take in a movie," Paul said. "It was an old film featuring the Lone Ranger with his side-kick Tonto

[Native American Indian]. It was the most hilarious movie I ever saw. Everett and I got started laughing and neither of us could stop. They escorted (actually threw) us out of the movie because we couldn't stop laughing when Tonto was speaking German."

One of Paul's most engaging memories was a mealtime conversation that occurred off the coast of Bombay, India, proving just how small the world can be. This was before the city with 10 million people was officially renamed Mumbai. The ship's crew of about two-dozen men had just sat down to eat supper when one of them asked for somebody to please pass the "Evers" jelly. Previously, Paul had remarked that the jelly jar looked like it did at his home back in Illinois, smeared with butter in it, just like his kids did. A crewmember by the name of Forthman asked Paul, "Where do you live in Illinois?"

Paul answered, "Metropolis."

Forthman looked up in surprise and said, "Well, I'm from Brookport [a small town about eight miles east of there]."

Paul said, "Actually, I don't live in Metropolis, but I have a home about halfway to Brookport."

Forthman then said, "I don't actually live in Brookport, but I'm about halfway towards Metropolis."

Everyone stopped eating for a bit to check out the two men talking, whom they were certain had never seen each other before.

"I then asked him if he knew where Bozy's Store was, and when he said yes, I told him I was three houses west of there, or about a quarter of a mile," Paul said.

Forthman exclaimed,

JANICE, Byron and Paul in New York on the Simon Buckner. Paul's troop ship could transport more than 3,000 military personnel to Germany.

"Why, I live in the house immediately behind that store."

By now, the entire crew thought the two men were putting them on and had planned the whole conversation.

As the mutual exchange continued, Paul mentioned that he had married a Kennedy girl. It seems that Forthman, too, had married a Kennedy and it turned out, their wives were actually cousins. Needless to say, the crew left the table shaking their heads in disbelief and no doubt wondering how it could be possible that such a remarkable coincidence could occur in the ocean near India.

When Paul was a newcomer to seagoing vessels, he was deceived by an unscrupulous mate who ordered him to climb the main mast to replace an important burned-out light at the very top of the mast. It was true, that light was vital as a beacon should there be a need for a recovery search. So, Paul did as assigned. "When I got up there, the ship would rock to one side and there would be nothing under me but water. Then it would roll and sway to the other side, and again there would be nothing under me but water. I didn't know until I got back down that it wasn't my job to climb that mast to fix the electrical problem; it was the mate's who ordered me up there. The captain was verbally stern with that mate, but I had already decided that I was not going to climb that mast ever again. The captain chewed out the guy who had sent me up there, because he knew it was his job and not mine."

A ship was much more than a floating powerhouse to Paul. While at sea, delivering their cargo to every major port in the world, one could enjoy days of breathtaking, tranquil beauty. But, you always knew this scene could suddenly turn into one, where you were under attack and even common things become projectiles when faced with tidal waves. Paul's ships always managed to survive when some have been known to break in half. On one such trip in rough seas, Paul fastened a ladder to his bunk to keep from being thrown from it. He watched his desk as it slid across the floor with the rolling of the ship, only to be thrown violently

Florence, Byron, and Paul in 1979.

back to the other side, crashing through the wall into the adjoining quarters. Paul said that storm, "tho only three days long, seemed that it would last forever."

Storms were not the only danger but they were a presence to be dealt with in connection with other functions. The engine room was 60 feet long and the propeller shaft was 20 feet and went three feet into the stern of the ship. Four of the 6 bolts securing the shaft had loosened enough that the vibration was causing the ship to wobble. Normally, the engines would have to be shut down for this repair but with no power, the ship is not only in darkness, it also drifts due to lack of controls. Dad knew it would take three days to recover from a power shut down and he was sure he could make the repair while the ship was still running. His creative mind was thinking of a way to save the company thousands of dollars by not shutting down the power. Dad was holding the foot long box end wrench to

AS HE OFTEN DID during his later years, Paul enjoyed revisiting the farms where his family settled. He is shown here at the Bayless farm.

one of the bolts and his second engineer was to strike the wrench with the 14 pound sledge hammer to free the malfunctioning flanges. The ship suddenly rolled causing the engineer to become over balanced just at the moment he swung the sledgehammer. Paul was struck with the full force in the chest. He heard the captain say "He's dead, he's dead. Get him out of this hole." The first mate, Bill Johnson, pulled Paul over his shoulders and carried him up 91 steps to leave him in his bunk. Dad was unconscious for a day and a half and was not expect to survive. Many years later, that same mate, flew his plane into the airport at Metropolis so they could spend time sharing this and other memories of the sea and their experiences together.

During the Six Day War between Israel and the Arabs in 1967, Paul was on the last ship that made it through the Suez Canal before it was closed. "Ships sit up higher than the flatland there because of the canal construction and location, so you could see a long ways inland. At nighttime we had a man on deck. using a signal light to do Morse code, letting the Israelis know how far off target their shells might be landing that were going over the top of our ship. If the Egyptians had known about it, we probably never would have gotten the ship out of the canal," Paul said.

He traveled around the world many times, but always was eager to get home to his waiting family in Metropolis. "Some of the men on the ships used to make fun of me and couldn't believe that I'd send all of my pay home for Florence to manage and take care of our family. It was the radio engineer's job to wire the instructions to the home office how our checks were to be distributed, and one of them called me in and said I had made a mistake on my paperwork - that I was sending my entire check home. I told him it was no mistake, I completely trusted my wife and we never argued over money. The truth is, I never felt the money I earned belonged to me; it belonged to my family and God."

As empty nesters, Paul and Florence enjoyed making visits to different states to stay for a week or so with their children and grandchildren. Life took a drastic change in 1979, when Florence died of cancer. For a while after that, he and his children would travel to visit each other until it became too difficult for him to go out of state.

"My doctor told me several years ago, when I was about 89 or so, that he never thought he would see me alive, walking again," Paul said. "This was after he operated on my carotid. I had over 98 percent blockage on the right side going to my brain and the other side was almost as bad." After several months of continuous treatment, the doctor had to completely remove the right arterial bypass as his body had rejected it. Miraculously at Paul's age, new veins managed to grow and provided an adequate supply of blood and oxygen for him to enjoy another score of years. Still showing a mischievous, fun side of

Harriett, Joe, Vivienne, Rolland and Paul at his 90th birthday party.

EVERYONE made it back many times after Florence died. Seated are Paul, Glenn Wiedeman, Teresa Wiedeman, Rachael Wiedeman, Brenda Evers, Lloyd James Evers, Georgia, Janice, (standing) Bruce Brinker, Stanley Brinker, Stewart Wiedeman, Rebecca Krieg, Keith Brinker, and Justin Evers being held by Byron.

him, Paul would often position his body just right to unsuspecting new nurses who might be checking on his pulse rate. After feeling around that side of his neck for a while and finally admitting that they could not find any pulse, many of them teasingly would ask if he is alive. He would smile and finally let them in on his secret that there was no artery on that side of his neck.

Never losing that desire to learn new things, at the age of 92, Paul became interested in using a computer. Son-in-law Stanley Brinker set him up with an Apple Macintosh, and son Byron's best friend, George Allen Rice, was able to coach him and fix a few bugs every now and then. Paul got into e-mailing and surfing the Internet, proving once again that you can teach an old "dog" new tricks.

He was still mowing his yard and even getting up on the roof of his house at 1116 North Ave. in Metropolis to remove leaves from the gutters. He no longer had the strength to pick up a push mower and put it in the trunk of his car. So, he built a small three-foot trailer to put a push mower on so he could pull it behind his riding mower and take it out to the Masonic Cemetery. There, he would mow the graves of Florence, Charles, Luther, Ethel, Nellie, and son-in-law Earl Wiedeman.

Paul was having some problems with ingrown toenails, so he went to a podiatrist. He was told it might take a couple more visits to get everything right. Believing that you should always pay your bills as quickly as possible, Paul paid cash for the services, expecting his insurance company to reimburse him later. When he got a letter from the insurance company stating they had sent payment to the doctor, Paul returned to the doctor's office. The doctor refused to pay him unless he could produce a receipt. Paul said, "That doctor knew I had paid cash and had not bothered to ask for a receipt. That really made me mad." Feeling cheated, Paul decided he would not go back again. Instead, the engineer went to his workshop and got his dremel to cut off the top part of some of his older shoes to relieve the pressure on his toes. A few days later, he had a pretty good size Band-Aid on one of the toes. He confessed that he had decided to also trim his toenails with the dremel and it had "gotten away" from him.

Paul's weight dropped to only 105 pounds after falling and striking his head on the corner of his desk in 2004, resulting in a concussion and internal hemorrhaging, diagonsed as a brain tear. It was a very challenging time for many different reasons. There was a failed second marriage, and it is proper to follow Paul's often-repeated advice of, "If you can't say something nice, then just don't say anything." With the help of many cousins, daughter Janice was successful at getting him moved to Florida near her home in Bradenton. He fully recovered from his injury, and regained about 24 pounds within a year.Paul became

active in exploring the Florida landscapes and found a renewed joy in life. A real blessing came from his niece, Dr. Jessica Weaver Kelcha, who made special trips from her dental office in Orlando to custom make a badly needed new set of teeth. Besides his own children flying in often, there were many other relatives who regularly visited him, sent letters and cards, made calls, and brought good cheer. Some of his compatriots kidded him that he got more visitors than all the rest of them put together, but they were all friends and good people who enjoyed sharing their blessings with each other.

He enjoyed his final three and one-half years, aging with dignity, using exercise equipment, going to the libraries, museums, church, and living a quality life at a wonderful facility called "Westminster's Towers." Because of his pleasant disposition, he quickly made friends and was voted "King of Hearts" during their Valentine's party. "I felt a little bit awkward, like a 'plow boy' at first, because so many of them came from well-to-do families." Although they did not convert from dress apparel to Paul's blue-jeans, they did enjoy learning to give "high five" as their salute.

He could go outside and watch beautiful sunsets on the Gulf, seeing the curvature of the earth on the water as he had done so many times while working as a seaman. Paul even flew a kite, delighting at feeling it tug in the wind on his 99th birthday.

He was always ready to go and eat waffles somewhere, or perhaps do a little shopping a few hours at the Big Red Barn, a produce and outdoor market.

MANY NIECES AND NEPHEWS on both the Evers and Kennedy sides of the family were very caring and helpful when Paul fell at age of 96 and had to be hospitalized. Barbara and Jody Bryant help Georgia, Janice and Stanley Brinker prepare him for a trip to the airport to fly to Florida so he would be nearer son-in-law and daughter Janice.

Janice and Stan got a kick out of him one day, using their riding mower to help cut their lawn and just about everything else that was in his way, including sticks and rocks. There was so much banging and popping going on from the mower that their dog, Ginger, ran into the house in fear that she might be next.

As friends and suite-mates for three years in Florida, Dr. Joseph Duke and Paul took pleasure watching out for each other and sharing meals and meaningful conversations together. One day, after having some difficulty getting his new pants unbuttoned because the hole was too small, Doc called out to Paul for some help in their bathroom. After sizing up the situation, Paul went back into his room, got a pocket knife he had been given for Father's Day, and asked Doc if he trusted him. Forever the engineer, and with Doc's approval, Paul used the knife to carefully cut a slight slit in the button hole, making it easier to finally get the pants off. Fortunately, the shaky hands were steady enough to get the job done, and no nurses showed up, as they surely would have found that was quite a shocking scene.

One of Paul's most touching moments at Westminster came when a fellow retiree that he had not yet become acquainted with followed Paul to his room after a Sunday church service. The man had taken notice of how Paul would always say the Lord's Prayer and the 23rd Psalm with enthusiasm, and he wanted to know if he would teach them to him. "I did the best I could," Paul said.

He suffered another setback and had to be placed in isolation for more than two weeks in his last summer. He had caught a highly contagious form of MRSA pneumonia. Everyone going into the hospital room with him had to wear protective rubber clothing and a face mask. Reluctantly, sounding a bit like a convict sentenced to

PAUL EVERS (left) and Dr. Joseph Duke (right) became close friends for three years, helping each other as much as they could while being suitemates at Westminster's Towers in Bradenton, Fla.

PAUL was humbled by the many relatives who turned out in Florida for his 99th birthday party that included nieces, nephews and brother Joe. He especially enjoyed telling Paul D. Evers (lower left), the son of his brother L.T., many old family stories since they had never met before.

prison, Paul accepted what had to be done, saying, "I guess it wouldn't be fair to the rest of the people if I [stayed and] gave it to them, so I'll do my time." After recovering, Paul was teased at the celebration held in the Westminister Tidewater cafeteria. He was told how his words, "I'll do my time," sounded a bit like a prisoner. Even then he was still quick with another punch line, adding, "Yes, and it was hard time, too!" causing everyone to laugh.

He continued helping to work on this family history book to the very end. "I don't know why the Man Upstairs has chosen to let me live this long, but I've enjoyed a wonderful life and wouldn't change anything," said Paul on Oct. 13, 2007, as he was having a five-generation picture made with his daughter, Georgia Ann Wiedeman Blue, granddaughter Teresa Wiedeman, great-granddaughter Rachael Hornyak, and great-great-granddaughter Regan Hornyak.

Born Jan. 6, 1908, James Paul Evers died peacefully around noon on Nov. 26, 2007 – 41 days short of his 100th birthday.

Calling from Hammond, Ind., that morning, Georgia insisted that I phone Dad back, even though I had talked to him an hour earlier from Colorado. I am forever indebted to my sisters. Even though I was trying to prepare college lecture notes at the time for my next class, which was just minutes away, I knew it was important when Georgia repeatedly said that I needed to call him back right then. After dialing the numbers, Janice answered and was there beside his bed with a nurse in Florida. She said that Dad could not speak, but that he could still communicate by shaking or nodding his head. She asked him if he wanted me to say one of his favorites – the 23rd Psalm – and he nodded yes. With tears streaming from our eyes, I managed to get through it for him – and all of us. He acknowledged to Janice that he heard it just before passing away a few moments later.

FIVE GENERATIONS – At the age of 99 years and 10 months, James Paul Evers enjoyed feeling the soft skin on the foot of his great-great-granddaughter Ragan Hornyak, who is being held by her mother Rachael Hornyak, his great-granddaughter. This is a picture of five generations. Also pictured with Paul are his daughter Georgia Blue, and his granddaughter Teresa Wiedeman, mother of Rachael.

William Evers

John Alexander Evers

James A. L. Evers

Luther L. Evers (1883-1945)

Ch. 5

Something About Our Family History

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This document was originally typed by daughter Mary Frances Evers Shelton and perhaps daughter Helen Evers De Vita while Luther dictated. It is presented here the way Luther first prepared it in 1931. Luther gave it this title. "Whether there was to have been more, I don't remember. This was written the first summer after I had taught my first school. I was twenty-two and Dad was forty-eight," wrote Frances.)

By Luther L. Evers

Being nearly fifty years old and not having made any record here before as our fathers and grandfathers did, it appears to me that sometime in the future that which is written here may be considered a very worthwhile record. At least I would appreciate now had my grandfathers made some record in writing for their descendants.

I was born on the fifteenth day of July (Sunday morning), 1883. My father was James Albert Evers. He was the son of John Alexander Evers, who was the son of William Evers who came down the Ohio River from Pennsylvania with his two sons about the year of

1810. My mother was Ann Eliza McGee, a daughter of Judge Hugh McGee of Pulaski County, Illinois. He was the son of William McGee, a Scotchman from Pennsylvania, who settled in a woods near Hopkinsville, Kentucky.

My birthplace was in a log house, a three-room structure made of smoothly hewn logs about fifteen inches wide. The front part of the house was a two-pen affair with a one-pen room setting back of the front pens with an open porch about fifteen feet square between the two log parts of the dwelling. Father had hewn logs right away after he had received his honorable discharge from the Union Army in 1865. The two rooms of the front part of the house were whitewashed inside, and as I remember, the floors in the rooms were made of ash which Mother scoured frequently with water heated on the big fireplace after she had scattered seed over the floor to assist in cutting loose from it whatever muss was clinging to it with the lye soap she made from hickory ashes and soap grease failed to remove. The very hard surface of the ash floor was as smooth as though it had been planed because of Mother's continued work of keeping it clean. The small cracks, which were left between the hewed logs, were tightly chinked and daubed. The chinking was made by Father from straight oak wood. The daubing was made of sand and lime which had mixed with it hog hair. The hog hair had been saved from the hog-killings of some of the neighbors. After this mixture of lime, sand and hog hair got thoroughly "set": it was nearly as hard as cement.

The kitchen, which set twelve or fifteen feet from the main building, was about fourteen feet square. The porch between the two parts of the house was open the full width of the north and south sides. In the summertime Mother set the table on this porch where we could get the breeze, which we needed. In the winter time the table was moved into the one-penned affair so that we might eat in the warm room. We all had to dress before breakfast because we had to cross to the kitchen, which was swept across by the north winds, snow, sleet, and ice as it fell. But once inside the kitchen, we had a good meal for Mother was an excellent cook.

There was but one window in the kitchen and it opened on the west side where we could look out into the garden which was surrounded by a tall paling fence which Father had rived from straight oak timber and nailed with cut nails to horizontal bars and which were also nailed to the post with cut nails.

In those days no one had window shades nor wire to screen against the flies. There were none to be had. While eating in the summertime as soon as the meal was brought from the stove and put on the table, one member of the family had to scare the flies. At our house this was done by going to the nearby orchard, breaking off one of the water sprouts

JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE EVERS returned home from the Civil War and built his cabin a mile south of Lower Salem Church on the west side of Massac County in 1865. His father, John Alexander Evers, and uncle, Joseph Nathan Evers, were farming three miles north of Lower Salem. Joseph had started farming there in 1837 before his older brothers, James and John, moved here from Kentucky in anticipation of the Civil War. The smaller cabin sketch (lower left) of JALE's cabin was originally drawn in the 1980s by his great grandson Chris Bryant, based upon descriptions provided in Luther L. Evers' writings. After having done 20 years of work and research as an architect, Bryant's revision in the larger two photos are what he now believes it may have looked like.

about two feet long from one of the numerous peach trees, then jerking off about one third of the limb from the sprout and waving it continuously over the table.

The dwelling which I described stood on a little hill on the east side of the southeast-fourth of the southeast quarter of section thirty-one in the township of fourteen south, range three east in Massac County, Illinois, not quite a mile south from the Salem Church. When I could first remember, there were woods on the south, east, and north sides of our farm. I spent many a happy day with my sister Hattie, who was about three years younger than I, playing in the woods just east of the house. Because of the density of the woods, moss and ferns grew in abundance, which we gathered and used in our playhouse. Grapevines grew in these woods, also, and we had lots of fun on the grapevine swings made by the older members of the family.

As only one end of the grapevine would be hung high in the trees, the big end of it was cut loose from the ground and a stick was then tied across the lower end to make a sort of a seat.

There was a deep creek running through the woods that lay east of father's farm in which Hattie and I fished for "crawdads" with a worm on a bent pin. Some of the waterholes in this creek were really dangerous. As a child I did not realize how dangerous they were until one day when Hattie got in the water over her head. When she came up I reached my hand to her and pulled her out of the water. I told her that we must never go in these holes again, and we never did. Neither did we ever tell Mother of this incident.

In those days it was not realized how necessary it was for children to go to school. I was not a strong child at all, so Father and Mother did not start me in school until I was past seven years old. As a boy I was rather sleepy headed. One morning to get me out of bed my sister Cynthia came to my bed and said to me, (after much shaking) "Luther, roll out of there. I want you to go to school with me today."

The road to the school (Lower Union) was merely a path across woods and fields. It was nearly two and a half miles. The creeks which we were obliged to cross had foot logs across them. After I started to school a handrail was made for small children to hold to while crossing foot logs. These foot logs across the creek were made by the parents chopping down large trees and letting them fall from one bank of the creek to the other. An axe or adz [similar to an ax with an arched blade] was used to level the top surface of the log so there would be less likelihood of one of the children slipping into the creek while crossing on the log, especially when covered with ice or snow. The hand rail was made by cutting a long sapling and tying the ends of it about three feet above the ground to a stake on either bank driven tightly into the ground by the side of the foot-log. The

older children who were experienced in crossing these foot-logs never used the handrails, because it looked too babyish. The smaller children learned to cross on the logs without holding, just as soon as they could so they would not appear babyish either.

A mile or so before we reached the school-house we had to cross a dense strip of timberland. About a generation before I started to school, a cyclone had struck this strip of timber felling to the ground everything in its path. Each morning and afternoon going and coming from school, we had to cross the fallen timber. This timber was called the "Hurrican" by the people of the community. It was hard enough in fair weather, but straddling over these big logs when they were covered with sleet or snow was certainly very disagreeable. The woolen stockings the mothers knitted were torn and plugged quite frequently.

The schoolhouse at the time was a shoe-box affair with the front door opening out into the road which ran through the woods. There was no playground except the public road and a patch of cleared ground about sixty feet on which the children sometimes played "town ball" similar to but not just like baseball. The most playing that was done were games that could be played in the woods. Fox and Hound, Base, and Horses, which were made out of bushes and saplings, bent over until the feet could reach the ground. There was no water supply at the schoolhouse except what was carried in buckets from the waterholes of creeks nearby, or what was carried from a weak spring dug out at the foot of the hill about two hundred yards from the house. The school had no toilets neither for the boys or girls. At noon and recesses the boys went "up the row" out of sight and the girls went "down the row" to the woods. Neither sex ever dared look towards where the other sex went. This was indeed a primitive mode of sanitation, but it was what was demanded and was rigidly enforced by the teacher.

The teacher who was teaching this school while I was a young, was a man named Fred Young. Mr. Young was a fine looking gentleman. 19 years of age. To a child of my age he was very impressive. I sat and looked at him most of the day and gnawed at the corners of my First Reader. My older brothers and sister accused me of eating up three First Readers. I suppose that was the only way I could get anything into me out of that school, because during the three years Mr. Young was there I still stayed in the First Reader. It seems queer to think of it now, when we see children graduating from the eighth grade at 12 or 14 of age and that in ten subjects.

When I first started to school there were young men older than the teacher going to school in the "A" class. Men with mustaches an inch long and young women of equal age were called the "A" class. They studied Reading, Writing, Spelling, and Arithmetic. Some of them did extra work and took Geography. Three or four of them

took Grammar. There were about ten in this "A" class when I first began. They were reading in the Fourth Reader. The "B" class was using the Third Reader. The "C" class was using the Second Reader. The remainder of the class was using the First Reader.

That usually meant from 15 to 25 in the "Primary" class. The seat arrangement in this school was in four rows -- a long row of seats on each side of the building reached nearly the whole length of the schoolhouse. The middle two rows of seats reached from the rear of the room to a big box stove which set somewhere near the middle of the building. The fuel for this stove which was carried into the building by the pupils, was wood. It was laid along side of the stove to dry off. The stove had a hearth about ten inches square which stuck out in the front of it and was used by the teacher as "spittoon". The remainder of the room spat on the floor.

The Primary Class recited twice a day, always standing. If the older pupils recited well and finished quickly then we Primary pupils had the opportunity of having three classes that day. Mr. Young always let the Primary pupils go home early after the last recess. Much misconduct was practiced on the road home, especially fighting. As I look back on my happy childhood days I think the maddest I ever became was one day going home from school when a boy name Dan Hutton got me down in a scrap, held me flat on my back, and spit amber in my face. I told him that I would whip him if I ever got big enough, but that family moved out of the neighborhood and during the fifteen years that elapsed when I next saw him I had gotten over my mad spell.

People now-a-days talk about children being so bad, but as I look back on the first schools I attended, it appears to me that children are a lot better now than then. The old fashioned desks that we used at that time were about four and a half feet long. Most of the desks had three pupils sitting on them, usually a grown-up child on the ends of the seats and the little brothers and sisters sitting in the middle of the seats. I remember that I sat between Dr. Alvin Smith and Ed Wade. Sometimes the teacher left at the last recess in time to reach the steamboat landing by the time the "Fowler" reached there on its trip to Paducah, so that he might go home over the weekend. At such times he left the school in charge of one of the older pupils. One evening I remember in particular before the teacher had gotten out of sight of the schoolhouse one of the boys pushed his seatmate right out onto the floor. The remainder of the day was spent in a general uproar. The next Sunday at Sunday School, the pupils were all complimenting their teacher about the fine school they had on the proceeding Friday afternoon. This was all done with a straight face so that no parent would suspect any thing unusual.

Another occasion I remember distinctly was after the teacher had made the rule that no one should be excused to go home at the last recess, unless a note written by one of the parents was sent to the teacher by the pupils. One day one of the older boys named Sam Mangum started home without the written excuse. Mr. Young was rapping on the side of the schoolhouse with a hickory stick for "books". There was no school bell at that time. The teacher yelled out, "Come back here". Sam yelled back, "I'm not a-going to do it." The teacher took out after him to compel him to return. Sam having a start of about fifty yards in the lead and wanting to miss his last lesson broke into a run and was a furlong ahead of the teacher before he was caught. He then

JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE EVERS and wife Ann Eliza McGee Evers have one of their last photos made with son Luther L. holding baby, and wife Ethel beside him. On far right is Luther's brother James Oliver Evers, and his wife Lucy. JALE was born in 1843, died in 1910, and married Eliza in 1865.

pulled an old sock out of his pocket which had a stone in it about the size of a goose egg, and tried to slug the teacher with it. After the teacher took the slug away from him and ordered Sam to go back to the schoolhouse, Sam refused to walk. The teacher had to drag and push him all the way back to the school. He was worn out when he got there that he could not get the boy into the door and had to call the assistance of some of the grown boys to help him get Sam into the house. However, after the teacher got Sam into the house and had rested awhile, he thrashed the boy with a four foot hickory stick to his hearts content.

I don't remember of ever trying to copy at school but once. That was in my number work class. I was sitting with a fellow much older than I named Gus Maschmeyer. Gus always made 100s in his number work. The teacher had some division problems on the board. I did not understand the "divided-by" part so I tried to copy off of Gus. I did not know enough about the work to know that I should go from the left to the right with each problem and so I went up and down with the dividends, division marks, divisors, equals marks and quotients. It was a clear case of cheating and the teacher gave me a clear case of punishment.

I suppose the meanest thing I ever did in school was with the aid of Charlie Barnett and Arthur Moorehead piling up leaves and setting them afire. The fire was about a hundred yards from the house but the wind whipped the leaves off of our pile setting the woods afire in every direction causing a lot of anxiety for the safety of the schoolhouse. As there were woodsmen in the woods hewing railroad ties, no one ever suspected the pupils of starting the fire, but for the public's suspecting that the fire originated by some "tiehack" throwing a match down after lighting his pipe.

From my earliest recollections I was able to ride horseback. That was the common means of travel for everyone, men, women, and children. My father had been a cavalry soldier during the Civil War. He was an expert horseman and he delighted in seeing his children learning to ride. Nearly all of my riding was without a saddle, for my father or one of the older boys usually used it. When my sister, Cynthia, was about fifteen years of age, Father bought her a side saddle and a bay mare to ride. In those days a girl would not have been thought modest to ride astride. As some of the children have never seen a side saddle, I shall attempt to describe it. The rear part of the seat was about like a man's saddle, but the ladies sat facing the horse's head with both legs on the same side of the horse. The right leg was parallel to the horse's back with the right knee hooked over the left horn of the saddle. The right horn, being about 10 inches from the left horn, stuck up on the right side of the saddle to prevent the ladies from

falling off on the right side of the horse. There was but one stirrup on the saddle. It hung down on the left side slightly below the skirt of the saddle. It was made for the left foot. The apron of the saddle extended down from the side of the seat nearly to the horse's belly. The ladies riding horseback wore long riding skirts reaching from the waist down to about halfway between the horse's belly and the ground, protecting their clothing from the sweat and dust in the summertime and the splattering of mud during the winter.

When I can first remember, mail came to the neighborhood once a week. Father or some of the neighbors would go horseback to Grand Chain after it on Saturday afternoon and bring all the mail for the neighborhood home with him. A little later a family named Yates moved into Pulaski County onto the riverbank. Mr. Yates conceived the idea of having the mail sent up the river from Cairo on a boat. He circulated the petition for establishing a Post Office which he named Yates's Landing. The government granted the office as a steamboat the "Gus Fowler" made daily trips from Paducah to Cairo past Yates's Landing, our mail service was materially improved. After I had been shown the way to Yates's Landing, I rode horseback and went for the mail myself.

One day when I was eight years old I got on old Fan and went to the Post Office. Sister Cynthia was then the secretary for the Salem Sunday School. The Sunday School literature for the next quarter was part of the mail that day. A sudden thunderstorm came up while I was on the road home. Fan ran away with me. I suppose she was anxious to get home out of the rain. Her coat of hair being wet and slick, I failed to turn a corner when she did and fell off into the mud with all the Sunday School papers. She ran on home, jumped over the lot fence and went into the barn. I picked up my Sunday School books and went home bawling, getting louder as I got nearer home using that method to prevent being scolded for soiling the Literature. My parents were so glad to see me coming that they never even scolded me, and never said anything about the muddy papers.

My father and mother were both very religious. The first time I remember of ever hearing anyone pray, I was playing in the yard at home. My oldest brother, Albert, was then away from home at Greenway, Arkansas, working in a saw mill. Mother had gone into the kitchen to get dinner. Father and the other boys were not at home. I heard talking. I went to the kitchen door to see who it was that was talking. There was Mother kneeling by the flour barrel praying for the safety of her boy. At that time I did not know what prayer meant, but as I grew older it helped many times to keep

me straight.

I do not remember when I first went to Sunday School. I am sure it was before I could walk or talk. Father was the first Sunday School Superintendent at Salem. He kept the School going the year round. Sunday School used to run from April to October, then disband until the next April. One April when they elected Father Superintendent, he announced he was determined to make that the "Evergreen" School by running all winter. Than was somewhat of a startling announcement for that community, but he made his promise good. One of Mother's favorite songs was "There Were Ninety and Nine [that safely lay]." Father's favorite song was "Happy Day." Father used to take an interest in Sunday School Conventions. I remember him making a talk one day at a Sunday School Convention, trying to impress on the congregation to set examples before children. He told of an incident in which I mortified him and my mother. One day Mother failed to put a napkin by his place at the table. That one day he wiped his mouth on the edge of the tablecloth. Not many Sundays following that he and Mother went to Mr. William Peck's for dinner. Mrs. Peck had fried chicken. In eating my part I got grease all over my face. Mrs. Peck had a fine white linen tablecloth on the table, overhanging the edge of the table some inches. All of a sudden I realized that my face needed wiping. I laid hold of the fine linen cloth and smeared it well with grease, from my face. Ma said to me, "Why, Luther, I never saw you do a thing like that before in your life," which was the truth, but to justify myself I said to her, "Papa do that." Father told this to impress the fact of what one bad example will do.

When I was nine years old we moved to the southeast fourth of the southeast quarter of section six of township 15-3. This was a new place with only about five acres of the forty that was cleared. My father made this move to clear himself of debt. He sold the old place for $1260 cash to Burrell Little and he bought the new place from Jess Hawkins for $500 cash, using the remaining $700 to pay his indebtedness. Being honest himself, he never thought but what Hawkins was honest also, and paid cash for the land, not knowing there was a mortgage on it. This mortgage became due in about two years. Money was hard to get those day and Father, being a man about fifty years old, and being thrown in debt anew was never able to clear himself to the day he died.

Having moved into a new school district, I had to learn new ways and new games to play. I thought because the boys did not play as I did that they didn't have any sense, and freely told them so. My opinion of them and my hot temper got me into a scrap the first morning before books. Miss Mae Slimpert now Mrs. Ed. Cowling, was

my first teacher on that occasion. I should have received a good switching for what I said and did that morning, but the teacher's leniency spared me. I had a variety of country teachers at this school. Looking back upon the situation I see that I was unfortunate in having to attend school with some of them, and that I exceedingly fortunate in having some of the teachers that I did. I had the following teachers for instructors: Lucy Slimpert, Rebecca Arnold, Robert Elexander, Calton Garret, George C. Schneeman, Clara Wells, and John Weaver.

The year after I graduated from the Eight Grade I did not go to school. My class was the first Eight Grade graduating class that Massac County ever had. The total for the county that year was nine graduates. Joshua Reynolds was the County Superintendent that year. He did not hold any Commencement Exercises for us but notified all those who passed the examination to meet him at given places where he would be to deliver the diplomas to us. I rode a mule to Mr. John Davis's place for my diploma.

In the fall of 1900 I went to high school in Mound City, Illinois. I stayed with

CHILDREN OF Eliza and James A.L. Evers are (left to right) Albert, James Oliver, Luther, Hubert, Cynthia, and Harriett.

Mrs. M. Smith, one of my mother's sisters, who was County Superintendent of Pulaski County for twenty-four years. At that time she was running a Gents Furnishing Store. It was my job of mornings to build fires in the kitchen range, the sitting room heater, the upstairs bedroom heater, and in the store. I also had to sweep out the store and carry in sufficient coal for the night. I had an hour or so to run errands for other people. After supper I prepared my lessons for the next day.

Having not entered high school at the beginning of the term. I was sadly handicapped, especially in Algebra. I was the oldest pupil in my room and with one exception I was the only one from the county. At the time there were only two teaches in that high school. Miss Mae Robertson taught nine and ten and Paul Sabine was principal and taught grades eleven and twelve. I have often wondered at the patience of Miss Robertson. But along with her patience, she was also strict in governing her school. I was put in the tenth grade when I entered, I suppose on account of my size, but along with the lessons in grade ten I had to do some reciting along with grade nine. In the first quarterly examinations held in that school after I entered in the class of eighteen, I ranked eighteenth--- a thing which humiliated me very much. I was reminded of what General Grant had said, that is, "If they had been turned around the other way, I would have been "Valedictorian." My rank in that class examination confirmed the opinion of the other pupils that I was really a dummy, country green, and everything else they called me, but it served as a stimulate to me to do better than that the next time. When the second examination was held and the reports were ready to be given out, the teacher lined us up along the side of the room in the order in which we ranked in the first examination. She then began handing out the report cards in the order in which we ranked in the second examination. Katy McNeil ranked first in both examinations. When the teacher Miss Robertson, called number two, Luther Evers, I strutted like a peacock as I walked from eighteenth to second place. I was a regular hero from then on in the eyes of all the High School, myself included.

At the beginning of the second semester I was elected president of the Platonion Literary Society which was composed of about half of the high school, including members of the ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grades. I suppose I acted as "green" but none of the other students ever told me so afterwards. I took an active part in all forms of sport including football, hammerthrow, discus, javelin throw, high and broad jump. In the Southern Illinois Contest at Murphysboro I failed in practically everything, but I did throw the hammer six inches father than the previous best record made in other contests. My high jump was 62 inches.

Up to the time I started high school I had never stayed away from home over twenty-four hours at a time. To look back now it seems silly but I got as homesick as a baby between the time I started to high school and the Thanksgiving vacation. I was so badly homesick that I would have been glad to see a yellow dog from the neighborhood. Imagine my chagrin on Sunday morning when I went to Sunday School and one of the young fellows about my age said to some of the other fellows standing near, "My doesn't he look educated." Some of the boys gave a smearing laugh. Those sneers gave me a stronger determination then ever to become educated.

Aunt Hester Smith, administrator of my Grandfather McGee's estate, which amounted to very little, my Mother's share being $35.00, took care of my personal expenses while in high school out of the $35.00 she owed Mother. Now-a-days $35.00 is not considered s large sum of money, but it meant a lot in those days, especially since it was the only money Mother had. Knowing that she spent all she had on me made me want to make good in the world if I possibly could.

I took the Teacher's Examination in Massac County and earned a certificate before I was eighteen years old. Having succeeded in receiving a certificate in Massac County I took the examination also in Pulaski County. I was really proud of my certificates, even though I had no school to teach.

The following winter I boarded with my brother Jim who lived on my grandfather's old home place, on the first hill west of Karank. From there I walked across the bottoms to the north bank of Cache River to Rago in the edge of Johnson County, working for Main Brothers Box and Lumber Co. I received $3.25 a day for my labor. We worked nine hours a day. This lumber camp like most others was filled with rough talking men. There were but two of us who did not swear, myself and Abe Weece. Mr. Weece was a teamster but no matter how aggravating the situation became, he never swore. He always had some jolly remark to make about every annoying situation.

It was while I was working at Rago that I ever took a chance on any game. The merchant there had some green wool shirts which all of the men admired. One morning while the mill was shut down for repairs someone suggested that we buy one of the shirts. Twenty-two of us were to pay a dime apiece and raffle it off to a lucky number. The wooden lid of a candy bucket was marked of into segments, each of which were numbered. A nail was driven into the middle of the lid and then into a tree. One of the men gave it a short whirl and another of the boys shot the lid while it was whirling with a rifle. The segment of the board hit was the lucky number. The number hit was next to mine. My number came so near being the lucky one that I took another chance

on another shirt just like the first one. The same number that got the first shirt got the second one, also. That broke me. From that time on whenever I was tempted to take a chance on something, I always remembered the two shirts I helped buy for the same man. I have never taken a chance on anything.

I taught my first school at Post Creek in Pulaski County, at $30.00 a month for six months. Mr. Lonnie Miller, Mr. Henry Peck, and Mr. Martin Payne were the three directors. They tried practically all one afternoon to "jew" me down to $27.50, but I held out for $30.00. I expect that was more than was worth, looking back, as I do now, on the number of mistakes I made.

My school began the first of October. I worked at the job as hard as I could. The first day of school flew by in a hurry. I forgot to keep watch of the time. Happening to see some of the boys looking out of the window, I looked out and saw that it was nearly sundown. I dismissed the pupils immediately and tried to excuse myself for keeping them so late. As the children left the playground, one of the big boys yelled to another one going in the opposite direction and said, "I'm going to bring a lantern tomorrow."

While teaching this term of school, I stayed at my sister Cynthia's. She never charged me a cent for my board all winter long. I give her and Gus the credit for my success I may have had for teaching that school.

The next year I taught at Union, the next at Post Creek, and the next back at Union. This was at $33.33, $40.00, and $50.00 respectively. I taught three terms at Gilliam at $60.00 a month, four terms at Maple Grove, and one full term at Joppa. I taught two parts term for other teachers at Joppa. I was the first teacher to teach high school subjects at Joppa. The pupils composing that class were Herbert Willis, who became a dentist; Morgan Tucker who became a doctor; and James Davis who became a teacher.

In 1914 I ran for the Primary Election for County Superintendent of Schools. My opponents in the race were W. A. Spence, who had at that time served twelve years as County Superintendent, and Miss Emma Brainard, an old teacher in the county. Mr. Spence defeated me by 122 votes. We were all running on the Republican ticket. As soon as I found out I was defeated I declared my loyalty to Mr. Spence for the General Election. Some of Mr. Spence's enemies persuaded Miss Brainard to run on the Democrat ticket in the general election that followed. That action cooked her goose plenty and assured my election in 1919. My opponent in the 1918 primary was Frank McCartney. Having been defeated in 1914, I knew better than to be too certain of my

nomination in 1918. Mr. McCartney had been principal of the Metropolis Schools, Mayor of Metropolis, and cashier of the National State Bank. He was so sure of this nomination that he tried to get me to draw out of the race to save me humiliating defeat, but when the votes were counted I had carried every precinct in the county except Brooklyn. I did not have any opposition in the General Election. In 1922, and again in 1926, I had no opponent in the Primary Election.

In the 1930 M.M. McCartney and W.W. Williams were my opponents in the Primary. I received the nomination from both the Republican and Democrat tickets. I consider it the highest possible compliment that both parties should nominate me as their candidate. I have always felt the deepest obligation to the people of this county for the way they have treated me in the elections. I have tried to express my gratitude to them by giving the best possible service that I could.

LUTHER L. EVERS (second from left on back row) is not muct older than many of his students when he was teaching in 1916 at Maple Grove.

"Someone has said that probably no man in any capacity touched and influenced the lives of more young people of Massac County than did Luther Evers."

George May, History of Massac County

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Slow Learner Becomes 'Dean' of Education

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is presented the way it was typed by Generva (Spore) Mann, a teaching friend and personal assistant to Luther, who died in 1945. Since he lived for six years after starting for the second time on his family history, they may have worked on it as he was able to while fighting Parkinson's disease. It stops in mid-sentence on the 28th page of the manuscript. Notice that Luther says "following articles" and "these articles" below, so it is possible there was more, but none of his children were able to locate any.)

The following articles are written by Luther L. Evers during the summer of 1939, just before his term as county superintendent of schools expired. It is written by him because, so far as is known, no one has ever attempted to write any family record. It is as accurate as I have been able to make it. It is also written with the hope that if any errors are found in it, that the finder will take the time and patience to correct them. My intention is to have these articles as nearly correct as I can make them, showing the shortcomings as well as the good traits of the individuals.

By Luther L. Evers

I was born on the 15th day of July, 1883. My parents then lived in a double log house which stood on the east side of the southeast fourth of the southwest quarter of section 31 in Township 14-3 in Massac County, Illinois. The house was made of logs hewed out by my father after he came home from the Civil War. Each one of the

double pens was about 18 or 20 feet square and two stories high. It had a front porch along the entire east side of the building about 10 feet wide. On the west side of the north pen there was another pen used as a kitchen. It was about 14 feet square and had an entry between it and the north pen of the main building. This entry was about 14 feet one way and 10 feet the other, across which the scorching winds of summer swept as well as the frigid winds of winter. The entire house was covered with boards which were riven by my father from big white oak trees which stood in his clearing. The rafters were made of poles which come also from the clearing. The "sheeting", which crossed from rafter to rafter and supported the boards, was also riven by my father from the straight, grand oaks from that selfsame clearing. The large brick chimney and an ample fireplace stood at the south end of the main building around which we all warned ourselves night and day, and there, also, Mother did a lot of good cooking.

The logs and larger timbers were fastened together with wooden pegs. All the nails were iron (not steel) cut nails. They were used (sparingly) in fastening together the boards of the roof, the floors and the window casings. The doors were made of tongue-and-groove material. The floor in the "front" room was made of hard ash, which Mother kept clean by the use of home-made lye soap mixed with sand and scoured regularly. The house, garden and potato patch were fenced in with sharp-pointed pickets about five feet high within which Mother never let a weed grow, if she knew it. The stock barn and lot were fenced in with rails "stake-and-rider" fashion to prevent the breach mules from getting out. The lot gates were made of heavy white oak pickets, so heavy to open and shut that we children usually crawled through the cracks of the rail fence.

The earliest thing I remember in my life was my baptism by Reverend Volney Cicero Evers at the old Salem Church. I remember him taking me in his arms and blessing me. I remember that I had on a white dress.

Another incident I remember when I still wore dresses was that I had a great big cat for a pet. One Sunday afternoon we had company and it was also raining. I had been playing with my cat for quite a while. The company was sitting on the front porch, the edge of which was about two feet from the ground. The yard was muddy. I suppose I wanted to show out. At least it occurred to me that it would be funny to throw the cat out in the yard and see it get all wet and muddy. So I went to the edge of the porch with the cat in my arms, held it up and tried to throw it out into the yard, but he was too quick for me. When I turned loose of him, he grabbed hold of the front of my dress; his weight, in addition to my stooping position, pulled me headlong from the porch out into the mud, right on my nose. I was a cake mud from the top of my head to the tip of my toes. It was

a long time before I heard the last of my smart-aleck trick.

I suppose I had been petted by the rest of the family quite a lot. My oldest brother, Johnny, had been drowned the day I was two weeks old, and Mother grieved so much over the loss that her condition carried over into my life, and it was thought that for awhile that I would not live through the summer.

My place at the table was between Pa's and my brother Albert's. When I had taken out on my plate more of an article of food than I wanted or could eat, I would ask somebody to take it off my plate. One morning I had some thickened gravy left which I asked Pa to take but he refused, as did all the others around the table until I got to Albert and asked him to take it. He said, "No, I don't want it. Give it to the cat." Well, the cat wouldn't eat it. After that when I was about to take too much food upon my plate, some of the other members of the family would caution me with, "Luther, don't take out a mess the cat won't eat."

It fairly "broke my nose" when my sister Harriett Hester was born. I was past three

STILL MAKING BEAUTIFUL sunsets today, these are the rolling hills farmed by Luther L. Evers and his father James A.L. Evers. Luther built his farm house in the trees on the lower left. He was born 1883 in his father's log cabin, which would have been located about a mile to the northwest (right) on the other side of the hill. The Ohio River is half a mile away to the left, which is south. Luther's oldest son, James Paul Evers, farmed the land during the Great Depression in the 1930s. Luther's Grandfather John A. Evers built his cabin before the Civil War in the mid-1850s, less than four miles from here to the west of Karnak.

years old, and nobody in the house had ever been petted but me, so far as I was able to remember. I thought Harriett cried more than a baby ought to, and as our beds were only six feet apart, the crying bothered me. So, one day, I said to Mother, "Ma, I wish you would throw her to the hogs." Ma turned toward me and said, "Why Luther, what made you think of such a thing?" I said, "Well, Ma, she be's trouble."

My Mother's sister was County Superintendent of Schools of Pulaski County for 24 years. When she came up to the east end of Pulaski County to visit Round Pond of Swan Lake schools, she would drive on up to our house to stay all night with Mother. She drove a big black mare to a new buggy. She, herself, was one of the finest looking women I ever saw. I believe she was every bit of six feet tall and weighed three hundred pounds, yet she was well proportioned. Her beautiful complexion and snow white hair and her courteous disposition and manners made me want to be a county superintendent. It was she who gave me the ambition to be a superintendent. At that time, I had no idea of what a county superintendent was, but she was the one who gave me the incentive.

My father's farm lay in the southwest corner of Union School District, in Township 14-3. It was about two miles and a half from our house to the schoolhouse, nearly all the way through the woods. For that reason or some other not known to me, I did not start school till in the fall after I was seven years old in July. Fred R. Young was my first teacher. He was only 19 years old at the time. We had about 75 scholars on roll and about a dozen pupils were as old as he was. Among the older ones were Alfred Moorhead, Alvin Smith, Robert McGhee, Ed Parker, Will Mangum and his sisters Anna and Ella, Alice Wade.

The enrollment was so large and there was so much needed to be done, that the teacher had but little time to spend with the Primary pupils. From the little I learned in going to Union School, I suppose I did not do anything except chew the corners of my book and wipe my nose on my coat sleeve. That sounds bad for an eight-year old pupil. Nevertheless, it is the truth. When I was nine years old, my father sold that farm and bought one over in section six in Township 15-3. I started to school then at Gilliam. That was quite a different school. They had two teachers, Miss Mae Slimpert who afterwards married Capt. Ed Cowling, taught the Principal room and her sister Lucy taught the Primary room. I thought that they were two of the most refined women I ever saw outside of my own family. My habit of wasting time clung to me for a couple of years or so, because I chewed the corners off of two more readers and never got a head mark in my spelling class during those two years.

Finally, a teacher by the name of Robert Alexander, who later became County Superintendent of Schools, was employed to teach Gilliam. This good man, somehow,

woke me up. He gave me a desire to read and I read, read, read. I finished my Primer, First and Second Readers during his one term, and at the close of school, he gave me a Normal Third Reader as a present for earning my swift promotions. Other teachers who taught Gilliam School while I was there were Becky Pryor, Calton Garrett, George Schneeman, Clara Wells, and John Weaver- to all of whom I own an everlasting debt of gratitude. I graduated from the eighth grade when I was seventeen years old. That was during the term of Mr. Joshua Reynolds as County Superintendent of Schools. There was no Commencement Exercises in those days. Mr. Reynolds brought the diplomas to the pupils who were to receive them in the west end of the county to the home of Mr. John David, near Maple Grove School house. I rode one of our mules up to Mr. David's house to get my diploma. The next schooling I received was in Mound City High School, during the time that Paul Sabin was City Superintendent of School and Miss Mary Robertson was one of the principal teachers.

At the beginning of the term of school in Gilliam, my father suggested to me that I go to school another term to review my 7th and 8th grade work. I followed his suggestion and started in. I only went 3 days. I was in the 7th year class with the pupils who had been promoted from the 6th year class: having gone from the Intermediate books to the Advanced books, they were timid. Having a new man teacher added to their timidity. The first day that I was at that school, I raised my hand to recite on every question the teacher asked. The remainder of the class answered about one-fourth the questions. The third day of school I answered all the questions that the teacher asked during recitation. The teacher was not a skilled questioner, and the class recitation period drifted from a recitation period to a conversation period between me and the teacher. I, Myself, saw that my attendance at school would be damaging to the other pupils of my class. When my sister Harriett Hester got home from school that night, she told my Mother that she and the other pupils in our class were going to have any easy time of it that year because, "Luther answered all the questions for us today." That made me believe stronger than ever that I should not go to school at Gilliam that year. Father consented to my staying home. We had a big field of corn to be cut into shock fodder, so that the ground where it had grown could be sown with wheat. So on the fourth day of the term of school I cut shock fodder instead of going to school, but that does not mean anything to anyone who has never cut and shock corn. For those only who have cut and shocked corn and have had the fuzz off the blades to get up their noses, in their eyes and mouth and down their back, with sharp blades sawing across their necks, can know what that means.

I was working in this cornfield when my Father came to me and told me that Pres.

McKinley had been assassinated by an anarchist named Leon Czolgosz. My Father was a very strong Republican and one of his remarks made about the assassination was, "Luther, this is the third Republican President to be assassinated."

I cannot tell how she did it, but my mother had saved $35.00. (Most of it, probably, from the trivial sum which she received from her Father's estate.) In those days, money was scarce and a little of it went a long way, but my loving Mother told me one evening that she wanted to go to high school and try to make something out of herself. She told me of her savings and that she would buy me a new suit of clothes and high school books, and then I could work for my room and board. I told her that if she had that much confidence in me, that I would certainly, do my best working for room and board. Mother wrote to her sister at Mound City, Hostor M Smith, who was County Superintendent of Schools, to see if I might have room and board with her or with someone else whom she might find. Aunt Hester's family, at that time, consisted of herself; her son-in-law, Porter Nosbitt; and his two children-Margaret, 5 years old; and son Hugh, 3 years old. (Cousin Ethel Smith Nesbitt having died.) There was also a colored girl named Kelley, who was cook and housekeeper but stayed in her own home at night. Aunt Hester wrote a letter to Mother saying to bring me down there and put me in school. Father put my old trunk in the farm wagon, and took me to Grand Chain. That was the nearest railroad station. I took the train to Mound City, 14 miles distance. That was my first train ride; my ticket cost me 42 cents.

At that time I had never been away from home except just to stay all night with some of my kinfolks or neighbors, therefore, I did not know what homesickness meant. To all those who have never been homesick let me say that you have never been real sick until you have been homesick.

High School had been going on for some time when I enrolled. Therefore, I would be way behind the other members of the class. At the end of the first quarter, all the high school students were required to take an examination. There were 18 members of my class, and after our examination papers were graded, Miss Robertson handed out the report cards. Katie McNeal ranked one and took her place at the head of the class. Someone else, second, and so on down to 18. Number 18 was Luther L. Evers. As I was the only country boy in that high school, I had been "sniggered" at ever since the day I enrolled. That was very embarrassment was changed to chagrin. I was teased by the girls and ridiculed by the boys in the classroom, corridors, on the playground and on the streets. I was like the strange shoat turned in the pasture with a drove of hogs. Everybody seemed to have a license to pick on me. The more I took, the worse it got, until finally one day I gave Fred Hutchison a good thrashing a least it was good from my point of view, for he yelled to some of the other

boys "to make him quit." And to me he said, "Let me up. I'll not bother you any more." I was afraid they would expel me from school for misconduct, but Prof. Sabin came over and talked to Aunt Hester about it and she said he told that he was watching the whole thing from an upstairs window of the high school and that Hutchinson got just what he needed. But he hoped that Luther wouldn't fight any more. Aunt Hester cautioned me not to fight again. From that time on, I had no more trouble with the boys. The student's jibes at the grades I made in the first examination caused me to resolve that I would rank higher in the class next time. At the end of the second examination, Miss Robertson lined us up along the wall in the same order that we had stood in the first examination. First in line was Katie McNeal. Katie also made first place in the second examination. Miss Robertson called, "Rank Two, Luther Evers." My how I did strut as I walked from the foot of the class to second place. That was the middle of the term of school. From that time on I received no more jibes of sniggers from the other pupils. The other students treated me as if I were one of the family. That was evidenced by the fact that they elected me President of the Zetetic Society for the last half of that school year. The high school principal came to me and told me I had done well and was so much older than the average member of the class, that he felt like that if I tried real hard, I could do 9th and 10th grade work that year. I told Aunt Hester

Ethel Bayless and Luther Evers married on Sept. 6, 1905.

that I would do my best. Our high school principal insisted that the students do home work and keep a record of the time spent in study at home. In keeping a record of the time spent in studying at home, I found lots of days that I spent more time in studying at home then I did in recitations and studying at school. I found that I could save time enough to do a lot of studying by doing my chores properly instead of dilly-dallying along as I discovered I had been doing. Instead of playing at the school house with the other boys, I went straight to Aunt Hester's home, burst up the lumps of coal so that they would go into the stove, cut the kindling and building fires the next morning.

Aunt Hester, at that time. lived in a narrow, but two-story, dwelling. The front part of the building on the first floor was used for a grocery store. The next room behind the store was used for a parlor. The next room behind it was used for a dining room, and behind the dining room were two small rooms. One of them was my room, in which I slept and studied; the other room beside of mine was used for the kitchen. The front room upstairs was used for sitting room and the two rooms back of the sitting room were used as bedrooms for Aunt Hester, the two grandchildren and Nesbitt. My regular job each morning started by building a fire in the cook stove for the colored girl. Next. I built the fire in the dining room, next was to build a fire in the parlor. From there, [it was on] to the sitting room upstairs. As a part of the fire building process I had to get the ashes off the front of the stove and off the floor clean---I mean CLEAN. That was my first experience in trying to keep a house tidy. Aunt Hester made me feel that it would be a disgrace for any of her friends to come to the house and see it in a messed condition. After I built all the fires required in the dwelling house, I had to go across the street a little more than a block away and build the fire in the Gent's Clothing Store, which Aunt Hester owned, but which was operated by her son-in-law, Porter Nesbitt. There again I found that it is necessary to have everything absolutely clean, else there would be no sales. After filling the stoves with fresh fuel and getting a scuttle full for each stove. I ate my breakfast and went to school. or if I had time, I studied my lessons at home. When the school year closed, I had credits for two years work. Father and Mother always insisted that I go to Church and Sunday school. I did this all the time I was in high school. There was a Y.M.C.A. chapter in Mound City whish met on Sunday afternoons. I joined it and have always felt that the training received from it did me a lot of good. One thing that I remember is that in the Y.M.C.A. meeting I tried for my first time to pray in public. I do not remember anything I said. but I felt like I was following in my Father's footsteps, because I cannot remember when my Father did not pray in public.

While I was in school in Mound City, there were a lot of boats being rebuild and

repaired on the navy yard there at Mound City. A lot of the ship carpenters were Catholics. Some of my warmest friends in high school were Catholics. One of my classmates, a boy named Florence Sullivan, invited me to attend his Church one Sunday. I accepted the invitation and went with him, more out of curiosity than the desire to worship, which of course, should not have been the case. Just inside the Church doors was a laver with water in it into which all the attendants of the Church dipped their fingers as they passed by. The Church was seated with comfortable pews. In the passageway between every two pews, they had a little bench about 6 inches high and 4 or 5 inches wide, with a fine padded

WITH BOTH Luther and Ethel holding babies on the left, this photo was probably made with the Bayless family in 1908, the year that James Paul Evers was born, and his twin sister Pauline only lived for five months. Their first child, Evelyn, was born 16 moths earlier. You can see shoes on the child Luther is holding, so most likely that is Evelyn, and Ethel is probably holding Paul. Also pictured on the far right are Ethel's parents, Nancy and James Bayless. Other Baylesses pictured are seated Mark and Harley, middle row of children Grace, (Arnold's two children) Essie and Roll, Lucy, back row beside Ethel are Arnold, Ettie Peck, Nora, Anna, Rollie, and Oma.

leather cushion on it whereon the people knelt during certain portions of the services.

One thing that amazed me was the reverent attitude the people took soon as they were inside the Church doors and continued to bear so long as they were in Church. At one point during the service, there was a responsive reading between the Priest and the Congregation. It was a portion of the Psalms. The Priest's part was printed in Latin but the congregation's part was in English. The first service I attended at the Catholic Church I never understood a word the Priest said during the whole service. The second time I attended the service, I did not understand anything he said until the close of the service when he gave the membership a good raking because they were not paying their pew rent. That was in pure English. The third visit I made to the Catholic Church, the Priest preached a Temperance Sermon-about as good a one as I ever heard. Among other things, he said to the drinking part of his congregation, "It is no wonder that the Protestants of Mound City point a finger of scorn at me as I pass up and down the streets, because they see you come stumbling out of the saloon and call me Father as I pass you."

While I was at Mound City school, I kept account of every cent I spent because I knew it was such a sacrifice that the family made for me. I wanted to show them that I had not spent any of their savings foolishly. When I came home at the end of the term of school, I was so glad to see everything and everybody that I suppose I appeared unnatural, which I assure you I did not mean to do. I suppose that my over-friendly actions can only be accounted for as the sudden cure of my homesickness. I was not only glad to see the members of the family, but was glad even to see the chickens, cows and horses, and especially the neighbors. On Sunday I went to Sunday school. Before Sunday school began, there were some men and boys standing around the door outside. I was so glad to see them that I rushed up to each one and shook hands as friendly as I knew how- a thing that I had never done before in my life. That bunch of men had never been anywhere long enough to be homesick and could not understand my sudden burst of friendship and sociability. One in the crowd said to the others, "My, look at that fried shirt he's got on." Another one said, "Yes, but look how educated he looks." Both remarks were an attempt to make fun of me. My blood boiled but I bit my lips and said nothing. That has been nearly 40 years ago, but none of those who poked fun at me for attending high school has ever amounted to a row of pins. At the time I was attending high school, there was not another high school pupil in Massac County living west of the McCartney family. I am glad that I had a part in establishing enough high schools in the County to accommodate every boy and girl who wished to have a high school education.

The financial condition of our family prevented me from attending school for the term

beginning September 1901. I obtained a second-grade certificate by examination under County Superintendent Reynolds. That made me think that I knew enough to teach school, but I now see how badly mistaken I was at the time.

The Main Brothers brought their box and Lumber business from Indiana, and set up business on the north side of Cache Creek, in the woods in the edge of Johnson County. They were picking up laborers from the farms nearby. They were paying the men $1.25 per day. My brother, James Oliver Evers, who then lived on the south side of Cache Creek bottoms, was working for the Main Brothers every day that he had the spare time. Jim told me about his working for Main Brothers, so I went to see them. They took my name and told me they would let me know later. During the days I waited to hear from them, I worked for my brother doing general farm labor to pay for my board and room. My sister-in-law, Lucy, charged me the exorbitant price of $2.50 per week.

I earned my first dollar helping a neighbor in the corn shredding. It was my job to put shock fodder on the wagon. The north side of the shocks was covered with snow. I worked from early in the morning until dark, and was eating supper by lamp-light when Mr. Bartleson came and laid a silver dollar on the table beside my plate. Thinking it was a half-dollar, I picked it up, looked at it, and saw it was a dollar. I then said to Mr. Bartleson, "Mr. Bartleson, I have no change." He said to me, "You don't need any change. You have earned that dollar." I was so overjoyed that I ran the dollar into my pocket in a hurry.

The Main Brothers business grew rapidly and during the fore part of that winter, they put me on the payroll. They ran veneer mills. The veneer was used to make fruit baskets, berry boxes, etc. For the veneer machines to operate properly, it was necessary for the bark to be removed from the blocks of which the veneer was made of. It was my job to help remove the bark from these stewed blocks, which had been heated in vats of hot water. The lids of the vats were made on the level with big black walks, which surrounded them. The water in the vats was heated by an exhaust pipe from an engine inside the mill. The vats were numbered 1, 2, 3, 4. Number 1 was boiling hot. The lid to it was made of oak about 6x8 feet. It had been scooted aside in order to remove the blocks of wood which it contained. The weather was bitter cold and the steam from the boiling vats was so thick that nothing could be seen near by. There were no guardrails around the vats and one of the workmen Ferdinard Altenburg, thinking the cover had been replaced, started to walk across the vat and stepped off into the scalding water. Howard Starks and I pulled Ferdinard out of the water and removed his scalding clothes. Everywhere the clothes touched his body, the skin slipped off. We wrapped him in overcoats and carried him into the office. That was about nine o'clock in the morning, and by the middle of the afternoon he was dead.

The eight or ten men who worked on and around the vat had never thought of needing guardrails until Altenburg's death. A committee was appointed to see Mr. Main and have him put guardrails around all the vats. George Main was in charge of the machinery and agreed to do so promptly. He told me to go back and tell the boys to go back to work and that a guard rail would be put around the vats just as soon as he could have it done. We told him, "No, put the guard rail up and we will go back to our job." He said, "All right, we will shut down the mill for the day and fix those guard rails." That was the only instance in my life that I took part as a striker. I thought then and I think now that we were justified in our action. Just one more incident, which happened while I was working for Main Brothers.

One afternoon when the mill was shut down, there was a bunch of men at Bob Pope's store. Bob ordered a lot of candy, which had been delivered in large wooden candy buckets with circular tops. Idleness always begets mischief. Twenty-two of us proceeded to carry out the old saying. The storekeeper had just bought on some green colored woolen shirts, which he was selling for $2.25 apiece. We men were all looking at the shirts with covetous eyes, when one of the men suggested, "Boys, lets all go in 10 cents apiece on one of these shirts and raffle it off." As the price was only 10 cents each, the numbers were soon all sold. A candy bucket lid was divided into 25 different sections. They nailed it to a tree. One of the men gave the lid a twirl, while each one of us who were in on the deal took a shot at it, to see if we could hit our own number. The man whose segment was next to mine was the lucky one and received the shirt. Somebody proposed that we all try it again. As it was a beautiful shirt and thinking how comfortable it would be on cold days and since my number came so nearly getting the first one, I soon consented to go in a dime on another shirt. The other members of the crown were as big a fools as I, and soon segments were all sold again. Twirl went the wheel. Bang went the target. The man who received the first shirt was lucky again and received the second shirt. That broke me from taking any games of chance. During the more than 35 years that have passed since then, I have reflected many times of the influence of games of chance. Losing the first two games I ever tried broke me from gambling (the two shirts), and it makes me shudder to think what might have happened had I won the two games.

My first school was taught at Post Creek in Pulaski County. I had a certificate earned by examination in Massac County, but the County Superintendent of Pulaski County required me to take an examination there before letting me commence my school. The county superintendent at the time was my Mother's sister, Hester M. Smith. After my papers were graded, when she handed me my certificate, she said to me, "Well, Luther, you did not get this certificate exactly like I got mine." I said to her, "I know how I got this certificate and

would like to know how you got your first certificate since you brought up the question." She said, "Well, it has been a good many years. I remember very distinctly how it came about. My husband had died leaving me with two children. I looked around to see what sort of employment I could find to make myself a living and decided that I would teach school. I got on my horse and went to see the County Superintendent. I had never seen him and of course he did not know me. When I got into his neighborhood, one of his neighbors showed me where he lived. I started to his house but met him leaving home on horseback. We met in the lane between his house and the main road. I had no letter of introduction. I said to him, this is Hester McGee Smith, widow of Lewis Smith, and a daughter of Judge Hugh McGee. I want to teach school and have come to see you about my certificate. He looked at me and said, well, I can examine you here as well as at the county seat. So let us proceed with the examination. "What is the longest river in the world?" the Superintendent asked me. The question took me by surprise and in my humiliation I replied, well, I'll be honest and confess that I do not know. Smiling, he said to me, well, I don't either; I'll send your certificate in the mail next week.

Judge Hugh McGee was Luther's grandfather.

I received my certificate thankfully, and proceeded to make the same mistake that a lot of other young teachers make. That is, that I applied for a number of different schools. That year Lonnie Miller, Henry Peck, and Martin Payne were on the school board at Post Creek. They met at the schoolhouse to consider applications. I met them there with my application placed at

$30.00 a month. From the time we got together at the schoolhouse, about 1:30, they tried to Jew me down to $27.50. I stoutly refused. Mr. Miller would tell two or three more jokes and Mr. Peck and Mr. Payne would try Jewing me again. I refused to be Jewed, then Mr. Miller would tell more jokes. Then we would talk about the weather, the crops, church, Sunday school, but always came back to the $27.50. Finally, it was getting about time for the farmers to feed and milk and Mr. Miller said to Mr. Peck and Mr. Payne that as I was determined to hold out for $30.00, he believed that I could control the children. He then made a motion to hire me at $30.00.

I began my school the first Monday on October. I had 22 enrolled that year. I had made extensive preparation for the first day of school. I had carefully laid out what I intended to get done, but alas, I had left out the point of what time to quit. Just before I dismissed the children, I was hearing a recitation and happened to look up at the children and saw that every one of them was looking out of the window very anxiously. I looked out the window myself and saw the sun was nearly down. I sent the class to their seats and dismissed the school immediately. One of the older boys, Alvin Peck, yelled back at me as he left the playground, and said, "Oh, Mr. Evers, I'm going to bring a lantern to school with me in the morning." That was a scolding for me that I justly deserved, but from that day to this it has been a reminder to me to stop schools and everything else at the proper time.

My pupils that year were: Alvin Peck, Lydia Peck, Ona Peck, Larry Miller, Fred Miller, Majorie Payne, Willie Payne, Lelia Womack, Vera Womack, Mark Bolen, Earnest Bolen, Alma Shelton, Dora Wood. Ollie Douglas, and a few others whose names I cannot recall.

During the winter that I taught Post Creek School, I boarded with my sister, Cynthia Lippert. Her husband, Gus Lippert, was a good provider, and Cynthia was one of the best cooks I ever saw. She set a sumptuous table at which one ate from Monday till Friday. From Friday until Monday I went home to my Father's about 4 miles away. As fine as the board was, Cynthia and Gus refused to charge me anything for it. It was only about one-half mile from the schoolhouse. Taking everything into consideration, I could find no more ideal place to stay.

Reflecting on my first term of school, it comes to over and over what a failure I made in some ways. Most of the patrons seemed to be satisfied though, because at the end of the term the directors offered me the school again. I had saved all I could from the wages throughout the winter, and when the spring term of school at Carbondale began, I enrolled as a student. I liked my instructors, Troy Felts, Miss Martha Buck, George W. Smith, F.H. Collier, and Samuel Harwood. While in the Normal School, I continued my activities in the Y.M.C.A. In this connection I met many Y.M.C.A workers. On the third Wednesday

in May, a young Y.M.C.A worker from Chicago addressed our chapter. We had never seen each other before, but it seemed to me that every word he said during his sermon was directed to me. It was while I was in the Y.M.C.A. hall that I determined within myself that I would forever be a Christian, yet I never made a public confession of it until I got home and told Jake Hiller, the son of the lady with whom I boarded. Jake Hiller was the oldest son in a family of six children. He took an active part in the Church and saw to it that his brothers and sisters attended religious worship. That made easy the beginning of my Christian life.

It was while I was in school at Carbondale that I received the only letter from my father, which he ever wrote to me. He always depended on Mother to do the writing. The school election had not been held until after I had started to school in Carbondale, therefore I had not been hired for the coming year when I left home. I asked my Father to see that I got a school. I had applied for Lower Union School at $35.00 a month before I left for Carbondale. After the school election was over, the school board told Father that if I would six months term for $200.00 that they would employ me. Pa told them I would take the school. He wrote to me about the transaction and, among other things, he said, "Luther, I learned a long time ago that if a person could not get what they wanted, they he had better take what he could get. A half of loaf is better than no bread at all."

I disliked the idea of coming down from $35.00 to $33.33, but I thought that Father's advice was sound and wrote to him thanking him for getting the school for me even though they Jewed Pa down $1.33 a month.

In the celebration of the Centennial of the Louisiana Purchase, some smart businessmen organized a world's fair. It was intended that the fair should be held in 1903, but it was a greater task than they had anticipated so it was not held until 1904; nevertheless, they put on a week of celebration as a sort of dedication. President Theodore Roosevelt came to St. Louis to lend his influence to the dignity of the occasion. As I had never seen a large city nor a President of the U.S.A., I decided to go to St. Louis and see both. It had been lovely spring weather. I had bought a new white flannel suit and a straw sailor hat and took the train for St. Louis. While riding on the train that afternoon, I noticed that it was getting cloudy. The train got into St. Louis considerably after dark. When I walked out of the depot on 18th Street and looked up to see the clouds, snow hit me in the face. It melted as fast as it fell, but was entirely too cold for my spring outfit. I realized then why it was that you never catch a drummer or a salesman without his overcoat. I could not find a place to sleep in any of the hotels, so I went back to the depot and sat up all night. The next morning there was no snow on the ground, but the wind whistled from the north through

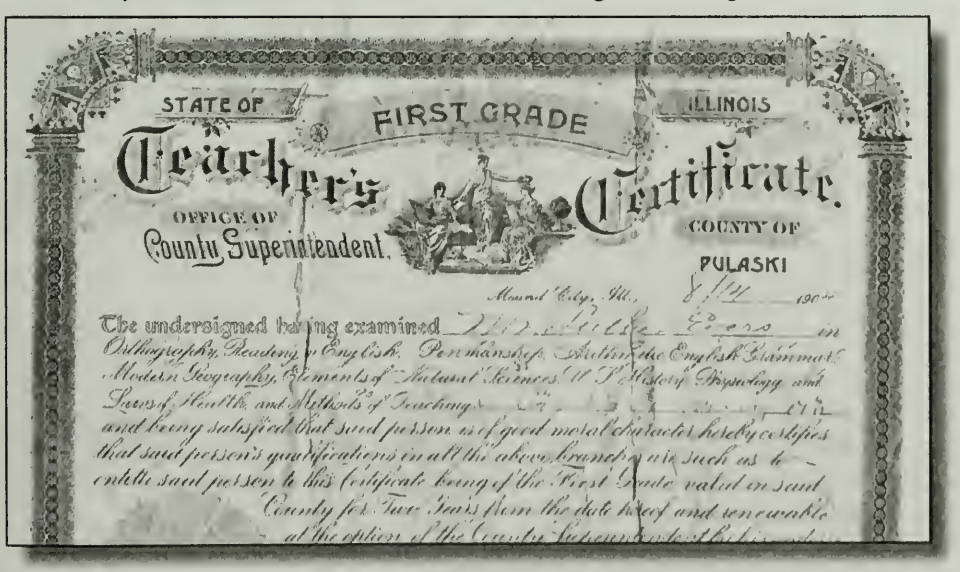
my summer clothes and made me feel like it was zero weather. With his usual punctuality, the President headed the procession. He rode in a fine open-topped carriage drawn by two big black horses. He wore a high topped silk hat about half the time; the other half of the time he held the hat in his hand, bowing to the people in the line of march. Sometimes he would stand up and bow. He appeared to me then to be a great man. That has been nearly 40 years ago, but I still think that Theodore Roosevelt was a great man. The trip to St. Louis had cost me more than I supposed it would. In fact, about twice what I expected. And before school closed I was rather short of funds, so I sold my guitar to Mrs. Hiller for enough to pay my way to Grand Chain and had a dollar and a half left. Thumbing one's way had never been thought of in those days, but I "caught a ride" on a farm wagon, which was coming toward home and rode 4 of the 8 miles, which I otherwise would have had to walk. As I was riding in the wagon, I thought about it being prayer meeting night at Salem Church. I had not seen my sweetheart for three months, and I knew she would go to prayer meeting. So when the farm wagon had come within two miles of her home, I left the wagon and walked over to Mr. Bayless's home and got there just at supper time. Ethel said she supposed I was too tired to go to Church, but I said that I was used to walking and would go. After supper, she and I her two sisters walked to Church two miles away, walked from Church back to her home, then I walked the three miles from her home to mine, and got there about 11 o'clock. I thought I would slip into my bedroom without being heard because the folks were not expecting me, but there was no use trying. Soon as I took my first step on the porch, my Mother said, "Luther, it that you?" In a half a minute she was out on the porch and had her arms around my neck. I told Ma that just as soon as I could see Pa, sister Harriett, and brother Hubert, I had a surprise for her. She thought I wanted to to tell her about my engagement to Ethel, but I told her that was not what I wanted to talk about. That had occurred so many months before that is wasn't any news. Mother was such a good Christian that she wanted everyone else to be. When I told her that the preacher was at prayer that night and took me into the Church because I had been converted at Carbondale, she was surprised and also overjoyed. She hugged me up close to her, kissed me three or four times, and said, "That's just what I've been praying for."

Early in the fall of 1903, I began my thirty-three and one third dollar a month school. I don't remember just what the enrollment was but I had about 70 pupils. Some of them were; Wilburn Smith, Nat Smith, Josie Wood, Harry Wood, Ray Wood, Dora Wood, Earl Wood, Hazel Wood, Cretia Wood, Estis Wood, Bert Clayton, Hettie Clayton, Ruth Clayton, Ruth Starks, Pearl Starks, Alma Starks, Birdie Moorhead, Ralph Hawkins, Ora Anderson, Emile Johnson, Willie Johnson, Fred Johnson, Edgar Harris, Jack Harris, Gracie Harris,

Eldie Alexander, Dick Ferguson, Joe Ferguson, Adlie Ferguson, Callie Ferguson, Lizzie Miller, Lloyd Miller, Taylor Miller, Lillie Frazell, Ida Walter, Emma Halstenberg, Lula Halstenberg, Lana Halstensberg, Monroe Osbone, Essie Osbone, Ricka Osbone, Arnie Osbone, Johnnie McGee, Press McGee, Robert McGee, Jack Larrison, Alvin Parker, Nellie Parker, Josh McNana, Maude Eller, Ethel Sexton, Bertha Sexton, Oma Sexton, Wilburn Trumbo, Lillie Trumbo, Oscar Trumbo, Mabel Trumbo, Ruth Trumbo, and a few others whose names I cannot now recall.

I supposed I gave fairly good satisfaction during the term because the directors offered me $40.00 a month the next spring. The directors at Post Creek offered me $40.00 also, and as Post Creek had fewer pupils than Union, I took the Post Creek for my third term of school.

One evening about dark, the schoolhouse caught fire between the ceiling and the roof and was completely destroyed. Nearly all the furniture was saved, and Rollie Douglas let the directors move the furniture into one of his dwelling house rooms, where I taught for about six weeks until the school was closed. My fourth term of school was taught at Union. I received $40.00 a month that term. I needed every cent of it because on the 5th day of November 1905, I was married to Mary Ethel Bayless. We were married on Sunday noon at her Father's home in the East edge of Pulaski County, Illinois. Father and Mother Bayless had invited all the near relatives living in that neighborhood and some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OFFICE OF County Superintendent

COUNTY OF PULASKI

Mound City, Ill., 190

The undersigned having examined ... in Orthography, Reading, English, Penmanship, Arithmetic, the English Grammar, Modern Geography, Elements of Natural Sciences, U. S. History, Physiology and Laws of Health, and Methods of Teaching ... and being satisfied that said person is of good moral character hereby certifies that said person's qualifications in all the above branches are such as to entitle said person to this Certificate being of the First Grade valid in said County for Two Years from the date hereof and renewable at the option of the County Superintendent ...

of the nearest neighbors. They sat the biggest dinner for all that I had ever seen. The folks thought they had a good joke on me because just before I finished my dinner, being surrounded by everything good to eat, I called for the sorghum molasses. Ethel and I were married by Rev. Lewis Jines. We used the single ring ceremony. The minister was a young man and we were the first couple he had ever married. He had learned the ceremony so that he would not have to read it, but he was so agitated that he trembled like a leaf from his head to his feet. Ethel and I were about the most composed people at the wedding. It was a great day for Ethel and me, even though her Father and Mother and my Father and Mother cried. At that time I couldn't understand why our parents cried, but since some of my children have married, I can understand why. We received many congratulations and good wishes and much good advice as those present passed by us shaking hands. Out of all of them I remember what two said to me as they clasped my hand. Ethel's Father said, "Try to manage so that both of you will not get mad at the same time." My Father said, "Children, you can make your own sunshine." After 35 years of married life, I can appreciate the comments of our Fathers.

We stayed at Pa Bayless's until Wednesday after the wedding, and went from there to Pa Evers's where we lived about two weeks, until we could get our own house, which we were building, nearly enough completed that we could move into it. Soon as we got moved to ourselves, Mr. Bayless gave Ethel a young cow, white all over, and a young bay horse named Dan. Father Bayless's generosity gave me a chance to get started to farming.

I took no time off from my schooling to get married, as I should have done. I rode my horse to school the next day after we were wedded but everything went bad all day. None of the children had their lessons like I thought they ought to. I saw later that it was all my fault. I was too easily annoyed. Along late in the afternoon, I was hearing the 6th grade geography class recite; it seemed to me that none of the class had their lesson. Finally, I said to the class, "If I wasn't in such a hurry to get home, I would keep the last one of you here 'til sundown to make you get your lessons." The pupils in the class and those in the back of the room all gave me the "Ha-ha." At first I was mad, but soon as I realized what I had said, I laughed with them and said, "School's our, let's all go home."

I met with varied success and failure during my teaching career, which began the fall of 1902 and ended the fall of 1918 when I was elected County Superintendent of Schools. I taught every year with the exception of the term beginning 1906.

I taught two terms at Post Creek, three terms at Lower Union, four terms at Maple Grove, three terms at Gilliam, one at Hurrican, one full term at Joppa, and two pieces of terms [at Joppa].

While teaching at Maple Grove, I had the following pupils: Aileen David, Mae David, Harry David, Pearl David, Ada Hester, Zachary Hester, and two other Hester children, Eva Browning, Lula Browning, Harry Snyder, Pearl Snyder, Calron Snyder, Louis Snyder, Herman Snyder, Alice Snyder, Beatrice Snyder, Mary Wantland, Norma Wantland, and her younger sister, Ruth Breazealle, Edna Breazealle, Kate Parker, Golda Parker, Lottie Parker, William May, Clarence May, Edward May, Laura Kennedy, Sarah Ellen Kennedy, Florence Kennedy, Ruben Hester, Brady Sigler, Ora Oliver, Inez Oliver, Bertha Oliver, Bessie Oliver, Johnnie Oliver, Fred Wood, Howard Hutson, and his younger brother, Olis Lindsey, Roy Wood and sister, Chestine Garrett, Aileene Garrett, Orlando Garrett, Hautie Wantland, Alva Sexton, Noah Brenningmeyer, Louis Brenningmeyer, William Brenningmeyer, George Campbell, Nora Windhorst, Ruby Skaggs, Letha Skaggs, Odis Skaggs, Lillian Skaggs, a Walker girl, and a few others.

At Gilliam school I had the following persons as students: my brother Hubert, Fred Riley, Pearl Riley, Mamie Riley, George Little, John Little, Maudie Little, Etta Penix, James Riley, Effie Riley, Earl Riley, and a younger sister and brother, Dwight Barnett, Leslie Barnett, Nellie Barnett, Hugh Gray, Blanche Gray, Elsie Gray, Charlie Anderson, David Anderson, Fred Anderson, Ora Anderson, Violet Anderson, Ruby Miller, Netha Miller, Lufis Miller, Mary Parker, Sammie Parker, Vernon Parker, Fred Bellemy, and his two sisters, Lillian Smith, Christie Seilbeck, Louis Seilbeck, Jesse Seilbeck, Lydia Seilbeck, Clarence Smith, Orb Borum, Nellie Borum, Oma Farris, Clyde Farris, Harmon Farris, Elmon Farris, Elmon Ramer, Ernest Ramer, Willie House, Carl House, Ray Culver, Arthur Douglas, Claude Douglas, Flora Jones, Rannie Jones, Howell Jones, Iva Allen, Lester Allen, Alvin Oliver, Guy Oliver, Mabel Oliver, Aileene Oliver, Stella Mathis, Ida Mathis, Russell Metcalf and sister, Lois Dusch, Offa Dusch, Wayne Dusch, Ethel Little, Edwin Nix, Tracy Culver, Helen Culver, and some others.

While teaching at Hurrican School, I had 86 pupils on roll. There were 22 in the Primary class. That was in 1917 and 1918, the winter of the big snow. I had the following list of students on roll: Alma Fahrenkamp, Ethel Fahrenkamp, Letha Fahrenkamp, Olive Fahrenkamp, Gilbert Fahrenkamp, Byron Kotter, Donald Kotter, Helen Kotter, Thelma Kotter, Wayne Kotter, Brady Stewart, Mabel Stewart, Paul Stewart, Emma Stewart, Katie Jump, Lizzie Jump, Hannah Jump, Hosea Jump, Myrtle Jump, Opal Kraper, Pearl Kraper, Clifford Kraper, Hannah Schmidt, Harry Schmidt, Henry Schmidt, Charlie Parker, Essie Parker and her sister, Louis Schmidt, Albert Schmidt, Nora Schmidt, Leonard Wilke, Pauline Wilke, Elmer Wilke, Cassandria Bradford, Sam Guthrie, Owen Guthrie, Robert Guthrie, Pearl Browning, George Browning, Alvin Johnson, Catherine Johnson, Bob

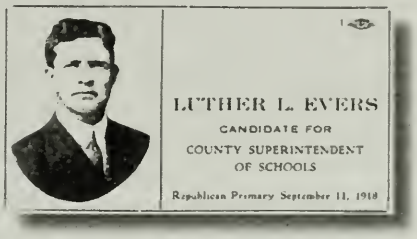
Cultts' daughter, Dan Lacy' son, Mabel Steward and brother, Stella Smith, Ernest Smith, and others in numbers sufficient to make the enrollment 86.

While teaching at Joppa the following named students were in my classes: Herbert Willis, Sammy Willis, Morgan Tucker, Howard Tucker, James Harold Javis, Ruth Smith, Ruth Todd, Ruth Royer, Maude Pope, Charles Thompson, Elva Walbright, Bill Thompson, Walton Bivins, Harry Hurt, Ora Hurt, Luther May, Henry Pope, Clifford Jones, Earl Kern, Hazel Howard, Vivian Choate, and enough others to bring the enrollment up to 36. I started the Joppa High School the first year I taught there. We began with 3 pupils in the freshman class. The class consisted of Herbert Willis, Jr., Morgan Tucker, and James Hal Davis. There were people in Joppa who made light of starting a high school there, nevertheless, the three boys just named received credits in four-year high schools for the first year high school work they did at Joppa. Herbert Willis Jr., made a dentist, and Morgan Tucker a physician, and James Hal Davis, a farmer. Since then the Joppa High School has been put in good standing and has an enrollment of 132 pupils. I took a very active part in the organizing of the Joppa Community High School district. I did so for two reasons. First, because all my land, stock and machinery were within the territory. Second, because I had made a resolution when I was having such a hard time getting my high school education, that if the time ever came when I could be of use in helping boys and girls of Massac County to get a high school education for themselves, that I would do so. We were defeated in the attempt to establish a Community High School by the decision of the Circuit Court. The court ruled that too much territory had been included within its boundaries and ordered its dissolution on account of "inaccessible territory." A year or so later another petition was circulated to establish a high school district leaving out the "inaccessible territory." The voters within the high school district gave the proposition a majority. As soon as the election was over, the enemies of the high school district took the second election into the Circuit Court. The Court in that case decided that the "boundary line was indefinite." So ended the second attempt for establish a Joppa Community High School district. Friends of the high school were not discouraged, but were angry and determined. No time was lost by the friends of the school in petitioning for another election for establishing the district. The election carried by a substantial majority. This time the attorneys declared the organization to be faultless. Thus was born Joppa High School district.

Elsewhere is this sketch you remember I told you that I was determined to become County Superintendent of Schools. In the early part of 1914, I concluded that my opportunity had come. I decided to enter the Republican Primary for the nomination. The Primary at that time was held in September. I put in the whole summer driving my horse

and buggy over the dusty roads of the County. My opponents in the Primary were Mr. W. A. Spence, the incumbent; the Baptist minister, publisher of a newspaper, who had served 12 years; and Miss Emma Brainard, a grade school teacher who had taught about 30 years in Metropolis. It was in this campaign that I found out a whole lot of information relative to conduct of voters and candidates.

When a man is a candidate, he will find that a lot of people are for him that he did not expect. And the candidate will be more surprised to find a lot of people against him whom he thought would be strongly for him. There will be some that the candidate will think that he can surely depend upon, but they will be stabbing him in the back at every opportunity.



A fine example of double-crossing was put up on me by Mr. Will V.R. One hot day in August, we met on a public road near Little Rock School house he was driving a fine span of Bay horses to his buggy. I was driving my big black coach horse to my buggy. When we saw who each other was, we drew up the lines and came to a stop. We reached over and shook hands. Mr. R. had told me over and over how much he had been helping me when he had the chance. I came to the conclusion that he was one of my most devoted friends and trusted him implicitly. As we shook hands, I said to him, "Well, Mr. R, you are selling insurance all over the county and have a lot of opportunities to meet people. How am I getting along being a candidate for County Superintendent?" He replied, "Oh, just fine. I think you will get every precinct in the county. There's not a cloud on the horizon." We chatted awhile and when we got ready to leave, Mr. R. said to me, "Now Luther, if there is nay thing I can say or do for you at any time, all you have to do is just to let me know." I knew only a few people in Jackson precinct. It was my business to make as many friends as possible. I never let anybody pass without stopping and telling them who I was and how badly I wanted to be superintendent, no matter whether he was white, black, or any other color. Accordingly, I, after leaving my "friend," saw a colored man plowing in a field, stopped my horse, crawled through the fence and went out into the field to talk to him. After laying the case before him as strongly as I could, he said to me, "Well, suh, Mr. Evers, I been hearin' a lot about youh. I most had my mind up before you all. But Mr. R. was her 'bout a half an hour ago seein' me for Missie Brainard." I couldn't hardly believe my ears. My heart sank within me. I wondered how many men in the county would do what Mr. R. had done. It was a severe jolt to me.

but it put me on my guard. I listened as well as talked.

On Saturday night following the incident I just mentioned, I got where a crowd was standing on the sidewalk near Arthur Van Hooser's Drug Store. They were discussing candidates and spending their opinions as to the winners. Some were betting on Spence, some on Miss Brainard and some on Evers. In that particular crowd I seemed to be holding my own. That gave me encouragement. I saw Mr. R. approaching. I wanted to find out what he was up to, so I dodged into a doorway where he would not be likely to notice me. Just as he was about 20 feet from me, I saw him contact Henry Miller, a brother-in-law of Miss Brainards. I wanted to know for certainly what those two were talking about, so I walked up behind Mr. R. and heard him tell Mr. Miller, "Henry, I was up in Jackson precinct this morning doing some things for Miss Emma, you must get $20.00 or more up there for her." Just then I let my presence be known by passing the two and said, "Hello, gentlemen, how are you both?" Mr. Miller spoke to me sheepishly and Mr. R. said as he put out his hand to shake hands withg me, "Why, hello, Luther, how are you getting along, etc." I always hate to lose a friend but when I have an enemy, I want to find it out as soon as possible. I was now in the game of politics and lost the 1914 election. I carried Hillerman, Logan, Wahington, Benton, and Jackson precincts. It was a close race. I had carried more precincts than any other candidate but sill lost the election. After getting the election returns, I drove home from Metropolis, my mind in a whirl and sorely disappointed and downhearted. I was afraid that Ethel would be too disappointed to talk about the election and would feel that her life had been ruined. I laid the case

Nellie Trovillion and Luther Evers married on Oct. 7, 1923.

before her as plainly as I could, but there was not a creep out of her nor a tear in her eyes, but she asked me if I wouldn't be in a better position in the race for 1918. I began to think then that she was more of a politician than I was.

At that time there were four newspapers in the County, each of which charged candidates $10.00 for making their announcement of candidacy in the primary. There went $40.00. I was away from home all summer from the time I closed my school until September. I was out on an average of $2.00 a day for my room and board. The newspapers charged the candidates 25 cents a column inch for his advertisements. On top of all that, I had to keep a hired hand all summer on the farm. Defeat was a staggering blow, but my campaign taught me to be careful, cautious, and above all, it taught me how to be friendly. Many a time I recall that little verse: "If wisdom's ways you wisely seek, Five things observe with care: To whom you speak, of whom you speak, And how, and when and where."

I did not sulk in my tent" because I was defeated. I tried to take my defeat like a man. During October the election campaign got hot. Mr. Spence was the nominee of Republican Party. Certain enemies that he had came to me and tried to persuade me to run on the Democratic ticket in the general election. That did not look like fair play to me and I refused. After I refused, they went to Miss Brainard and persuaded her to run against Spence. Spence came to me while I was drilling wheat and asked me to go with him out to Anderson School house to a speaking that night and help him to defend himself. I told him that I would. That night when my turn came to speak, I told the voters that when I entered the race, I did so thinking that I would win in the primary. And if so, I expected Mr. Spence and Miss Brainard to support me in the general election. That being the case, I thought the only honest thing to do would be for me to give Mr. Spence all the support I could. He certainly appreciated what I said and voluntarily promised me that he and his friends would stick to me, when 1918 rolled around. When 1918 came, he made his word good. There are some men who do not like Mr. Spence, but I have always found him straight and faithful to his friends.

In the 1918 Republican primary, I had as my opponent Mr. T. F. McCartney. Mr. McCartney had been City Superintendent of Metropolis City Schools. He had also been Mayor of Metropolis and cashier of the National State Bank. Nothing out of the ordinary happened during this election except I carried 10 of the 11 precincts. In 1922 and in 1926 I had no opponents in either of the primaries. In 1930 I had as my opponent

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Minister's Metropolis Memoirs

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following document was written in the 1980s by Dr. Joseph C. Evers, pastor of Ellington Memorial Presbyterian Church in Quincy, Ill.)

By the Rev. Joseph C. Evers

Whenever anyone asks me where I was born, I nearly always answer, "In the back bedroom upstairs." This is literally true. It was in the "Pansing House," the third house from the corner of 9th St., on the East side of Ferry St., Metropolis, Il., just after midnight on Dec. 17, 1926.

Now that I have started this long-delayed story of my life, let me say that I am doing this mainly for my children: Mark Hasting, Dan Wesley, Jane Ann, Kevin Dean and Karmen Way. I want them all to know how very proud I am to be their father, and how often I thank the good Lord that their lives have made me glad that they are my children. If my grandchildren, or anyone else, enjoy these episodes I will count it an added blessing.

I have no personal knowledge or memory of my life before I was three. But I do have

a few vivid memories of my fourth year. One is of my maternal grandfather, James Carr Trovillion. It was the occasion of a family visit to his house in Goreville. He was very ill and near to death. I came into his bedroom. My Uncle Ward picked me up and said, "Dad, here is Joe." Granddad was very thin and had a huge shock of white hair and a white mustache. He smiled at me and nodded. That is the only memory I have of him. He died…..

Another memory from my fourth year was the occasion of Dad's bringing home an "Alladin" lamp. It made such a difference from the light of the old "coal oil" lamps that we used in our house on North Avenue when we moved from town. We did not get electricity until 1932.

I should interject here that in this account I will adhere to my adult habit of calling my parents Mom and Dad. But from my earliest childhood through high school we all addressed them as Mama and Papa. Harriett, I notice, still adheres to his practice. After L.T. moved to Florida, or at least when he was in his 60's, used the words, "My Daddy." I often wondered how horrified Dad would have been if he had heard that when he was alive.

A third memory from my fourth year was a visit from Gale Adkins, who was to become my best friend in my early years. Gale was 9 months older than I and was always ahead of me in growth and athletic ability until I passed him in height when I was a junior in high school. We were playing in our south yard. There is a little slope there and we were doing somersaults, laughing and having a good time jumping over or mostly through the Oakes: asparagus bush which was on our property line. The Adkins lived the second house south of us, on the other side of Mr.& Mrs. Otis Oakes, Charles Gales aunt.

FORBEARERS

My parents were teachers, and you need to know something about them if you are to learn who I am.

Both my parents were born of humble parents, hardworking people who were respected in their communities. My grandfather Evers was a "pillar" in the Hillerman community and the Lower Salem Methodist Episcopal Church. He held various elected offices in the township including Justice of the Peace and constable. He was a Civil War veteran. After the war he built a log house in which my father was born, July 15, 1883. Granddad was a lifelong member of the Republican Party. When President McKinley was shot, Grandpa walked out to the field where Dad was plowing corn to tell him the sad news. He said, "Luther, this is the third Republican president to be assassinated." My father never forgot that and never wavered in his allegiance to Lincoln's party.

Dad's older brother John was drowned in the Ohio River when Dad was two weeks old.

His mother instilled a fear of the water that he never over came, and he never liked for us to go swimming unless our parents were there. When L. T. and I were in the upper grades and high school we generally had to sneak off to tinkers Ford on Massac Creek which was the only good swimming hole any where near to us.

Dad tells in his memories about having to go to Mound City to attend High School, since there was no High School in the western part of Massac County. What he does not relate is his personal accomplishments on the football field. In those days there were no uniforms and no helmets. Dr. Dunn in Cairo, who was the optometrist for the Evers' clan for many years, told Paul in the early 30's that he remembered seeing Dad carry the ball down the field many times with two or three trying to tackle him but Dad was churning away with them hanging on. He was an awesome athlete. Dad graduated from High School, took the teachers exam, and began teaching the next year. He went to some summer terms at Southern Illinois Normal School and became one of the highly regarded teachers in Massac County. One of his early accomplishments of which I am particularly proud was the consolidation and integration of the Mermet school district. There were three schools in the district, two white and one for colored. Because of my father's moral influence, he persuaded the directors to consolidate the schools into one. He was the teacher that first year, 1905. The first day of school one of the white students ran up to my Dad and said in great agitation, "Mr. Evers, do you know that we are going to have n...rs in our school this year?" The racially offensive word was never used on the school ground again. My mother always said that it was the first consolidated-integrated school in the state.

When I was born my father had just been elected to his third term as County Superintendent of Schools. Dad's memoirs will tell you other things that you might want to remember. I will try not to repeat stories that he has already told. However I will try to tell things that he did not write about, and will interject in my story what I hope will explain both my Dad and me.

NELLIE'S PARENTS are James and Harriett Nipper Trovillion.

My grandpa Trovillion was always making little comments which I thought were aimed at

disparaging Dad. Some of these had to do with finances. It was years before Mom told me the story. According to her, Dad's brother Jim decided in 1920 that since Dad had been elected as the County Superintendent of Schools that he could get elected also as the Sheriff. To finance his campaign he borrowed money form the bank, using the names of Dad's and Uncle Gus', Aunt Cynthia's husband, to help get the loan. Jim did not get elected and found himself unable to repay the bank. Dad was zealous in protecting the Evers' family name. The bankers holding the note, anxious to get their money, urged Dad to stand good for it or he might not be reelected. In any case Dad mortgaged his farm and his house in town to cover the note. When the banks began to fail after the 1929 crash, Dad lost both his farm and his house in town. It was at this time that Mom and Dad bought the property on North Avenue. It was a very old but solid house that had been the "toll" house on the toll road that ran from Metropolis to Round Knob. My brother Paul dug the basement and helped Otis Oakes pour the walls. The house was moved onto the foundation. My father was a very private person for one who was a public servant. I never learned any of these things from him. Nor did I ever hear him complain or bemoan his troubles and have often wondered at the fortitude of a man who was then quite ill and had to "start over" when he was 45.

My grandfather Evers ran away from home to join the Union army when he was 16. He said that it wasn't too long before he was wishing he could run away from the army. But he was with Grant's army from Cairo to Vicksburg. He was in the cavalry and at Vicksburg he had three horses

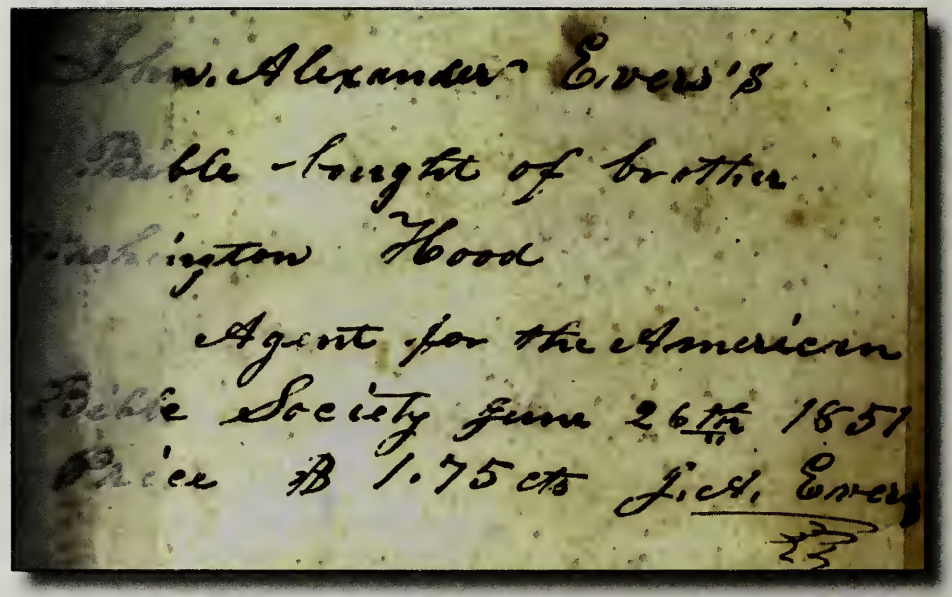
AFTER LOSING their houses on 9th and Ferry, and the farm during the Great Depression, they restored this old home on North Avenue, just across from the Masonic Cemetery, where Luther and many of his family are now burried.

shot out from under him. He had long wavy blond hair and was given the nickname of "Mary Jane". Years later he met a Massac County German farmer in Metropolis who had been in the same company with him during the war. He was greeted by: "Mein Gott, if it hain't Mary Shane!" Grandfather Evers died in 1916. My father's people are nearly all buried at Lower Salem Cemetery.

I know very little about my great-grandfather, John Alexander Evers. We believe he came from North Carolina, through the Cumberland Gap and to free soil in Illinois. His log cabin was built on the second hill on the west side of Karnak, just a short way from the Ohio River. He was driven out of the South by the cotton culture against which small farmers found it impossible to compete. He also was a teacher. His cabin was one of the places escaping slaves found refuge. Family tradition is that Harriet Tubman spent a day there before moving on with her charge. He made the only speech for Abraham Lincoln in the western part of Massac County. To do that in hostile democrat country he had his gun in his hand on the tail gate of his wagon. The vote for Douglas was over 800 in Massac County to less than a hundred for Lincoln. But they were Union people and there was never a draft in the county during the Civil War. Every quota was meet with enlistment's.

One of my treasures is my great-grandfathers family Bible. He bought it from Brother Washington Hood of the American Bible Society in 1851.

My mother was born in a farm house near Ozark, Johnson County, Feb. 20, 1883. Her birth was not recorded, and I never heard any discussion of it by either my mother or grandmother. She was the



first child of James Carr Trovillion and Harriett Jane Nipper. I had the distinct impression that she was delivered by the help of a "granny woman."

Granddad Trovillion was born near Lebanon, Tennessee. I have a piece of wood from the house in which he was born. He was from a slave-owning family, and I have heard my grandmother say that slaves helped to raise him. They moved to Pope County, Ill., when he was quite small. He became a carpenter and worked on the trestles for the Edgewood Cut-off of the Illinois Central Rail Road. When Mom was quite small they moved to a farm south of the present town of Goreville. The land is now part of the Fern Cliffe State Park.

Grandmother Trovillion was born in the central part of Johnson County in a community known as Hog Jaw Bend. She went only through the third grade. When they were married she was 17 and granddad was 27. He convinced her that her Methodist heritage was wrong and she joined the Missionary Baptist Church with him. She was always "preaching" Baptist doctrine to me when I was small. Her parents, William and Queen Ann Nipper, her second daughter who died as an infant, and her Brother William LaFayette Nipper are all buried in the cemetery at Taylor Church.

Granddad built the first house in Goreville when the C & E I Railroad built its line there. Goreville was the highest point on that line. He also built his own house there and that is the house in which Mom lived when Dad was courting her. When I was in the SIU history department, I wrote a History of Goreville for a term paper. When they were living at the Fern Cliffe farm, their log cabin was across the creek from the school so Mom missed several winters of school, because there was no bridge and granddad wouldn't let her walk across the foot log. The creek was often at flood stage. She remembered the house as very cold with a fire-place the only source of heat. She said thy sat around the fire during the winter with blankets around themselves to keep their backs warm. She was 16 when she finally graduated from the 8th grade. Because there was no High School in Johnson County for her to attend, she took the 7th and 8th grades over. Actually she was sort of an assistant, helping with the first graders in reading and other subjects. Mom was an excellent speller and knew more rules for spelling than I ever heard of. She

NELLIE (right) stands in the back row with her mother Nipper, L.T., Rolland (on knees) and Joe, while on the swing are Mariam, Harriett, and Luther.

was left-handed but her teachers made her write with her right hand. In spite of this, she had a beautiful Palmer Method cursive style. She ate and did everything else with her left hand. When she was 18 she went to Vienna, passed the teachers exam and began teaching. Her first school was in Sanborn, a settlement that disappeared long ago. Sanborn was at the other end of the tunnel from Tunnel Hill. Her uncle "Fayte" (LaFayette) Nipper was Station Master, Postmaster, Justice of the Peace, Constable, and most importantly for Mom, one the directors of the public school of Sanborn. She taught there for two years and lived in Uncle Fayet's house with his girls who where about her age. She remembered that time with great fondness. With her first months salary she bought the Cedar Chest that now belongs to Jane Ann. I always remembered it being full of Mom's precious stuff that she intended to use someday. In 1903 she moved back to Goreville and taught there for seven years.

In 1910 she moved to Weaver Camp (Chittyville) north of Herrin. The camp was mainly inhabited by Eastern European immigrants who had been brought in to mine coal. She taught first and second grades. One year she had 84 children in her room. They came from 11 different nationalities. She did have an assistant that year!

In 1920 Granddad asked her to leave Weaver because he foresaw the coming of real trouble in Herrin. Sure enough the "mine wars" began soon after. The Herrin Massacre was in 1922, and the man who gave the orders to shoot the twenty-two "scabs," who were all killed, had been eating at the same boarding house table with Mom for two years. She always referred to him as "just an old anarchist."

It is interesting how she came to Metropolis. She had sent letters of application to several schools. The Board of Education was reviewing the applications. One of the members said, "Here is an interesting one. This lady has been the highest paid primary teacher in Williamson County for several years. She makes $135 a month and she is willing to teach in our school for $100!" L. F. Parrish, the wealthy hardware store man, said, "We don't want her. She's crazy!" "Oh, I don't know," the man said, "she's my niece." He was Dr. Trovillion, Mom's uncle. By the way, he delivered all of Mom's kids.

She met Dad when she went to the County Superintendents office to register her certificate. Two years later Dad's first wife died in childbirth. Dad lived in the house on Ferry Street, and Mom lived around the corner and half way down the block on 9th St. where she had a room with the Andrew Davidsons. I remember a stack of Dad's love letters she had tied with a ribbon and kept in her cedar chest. She was impressed that Dad and his seven children were always punctual in attending both morning and evening services at the Methodist Church. She had heard Dad sing for weddings and special occasions. He had a fine tenor voice and had been singing with his three brothers in a quartet which was well known among the churches of the Western part of Massac County. Mom sometimes,

although a Baptist, attended the Methodist Church on Sunday evening with Mr. & Mrs. Davidson. She noticed that Dad had been timing his walks to church to coincide with theirs. From 1920 to 1923 she had several of my older brothers and sisters in her classroom at Clarke School. Soon he was courting her in earnest. They were married on October 7,1923.

It must have been a daunting prospect for a 40 year old maiden lady teacher, whose mother was never in favor of the marriage, to move into a house with seven children not her own, and a seventeen year old step-daughter who had been running things as best she could. But my parents devotion to each other never wavered.

SISTERS AND BROTHERS

I never ever remember any of us referring to our brothers and sisters as "step." We were brothers and sisters, and still refer to each as such. It was never a matter of discussion with others unless some adult would mention it or press us on the subject. There was a closeness there with deep respect and love.

Paul was 15 when Dad remarried. He was always a fighter and Rolland's protector. Rolland was much like me, very small and with crossed eyes, and always picked on. Paul was his hero. When one of Paul's school mates made some sort of suggestive comment about Mom because L.T. was born a couple of weeks before the end of nine full months after the wedding, Paul gave him a good thrashing. When L.T. was about three, there was a neighbor boy, Norman Profit, about the same age, but a bully. He had L.T. running home crying a lot. Paul took L.T. aside and taught him a bit of the "art of manly defense." The next time Norman started to torment L.T., a couple of stiff left jabs to the nose taught him a little more respect for his neighbor. He never bothered L.T. after that.

Here are the names and birth dates of my family:

Evelyn Marie, July 23, 1906;

James Paul, January 6, 1908

(Paul had a twin sister, Pauline, who died when she was only a few months old.)

Mary Frances, February 11, 1909;

Daniel Albert Rolland, June 7,1911;

Stelsa Evelyn, July 31,1913;

Vivienne May, February 11,1916;

Helen Ann, September 22,1918

(An infant son died at birth when Ethel, Dad's first wife, also died.);

Luther Trevyllen, June 25,1924;

Joseph Calvin Carr, December 17,1926;

Harriett Hester, September 25,1928.

For several years when I was small, the Sunday program of the Evers household was to attend the

Methodist Sunday School and Morning Worship, and then the BYPU and Baptist Church in the evening. This was how my parents agreed about their different denominational loyalties. It was a different demeanor in the Baptist Church. When someone prayed, there was a chorus of fervent, "Amen," after nearly every sentence. For several years, since this custom was never explained to me, I thought they were telling the prayer that he had prayed enough and should quit! I only remember one person ever saying, "Amen," out loud in the Methodist Church, an elderly retired preacher.

After Granddad Trovillion died, Grandma moved into our house. This was a relief for Mom because it was imperative that she help Dad at the office. It was not a relief for me. I thought she was a tyrant most of the time and, middle child that I am, was convinced that she definitely favored Harriett too much. I vividly remember standing at the sink washing dishes while Harriett was outside playing. I remember vowing to myself that if I ever got out of that house I would never wash another dish as long as I lived, a vow I have had to repent continually! Grandma was a good cook, and in my early years when there were 8 to 10 of us sitting around the big dining room table, we ate a lot of beans, potatoes and bread that she had cooked on the big old kitchen range.

One of Dad's educational efforts was table conversation. He wanted all his children to learn correct English usage. So we were never allowed to use the poor grammar that we often heard spoken by the other community children. We had the usual table conversations about daily happenings. school or church activities, any adventures any of us had participated in, news of the world, books we had read, etc. In all this conversation we were all on the alert to catch the speaker in any error of speech or grammar. We would correct each other and Dad would enforce the rule that the one who misspoke had to correct himself. None of us ever refused, knowing that we would be "asked* to leave the table. By interpretation that means that we would be banished from the table for that meal.

I do remember a couple of events from late 1930. Dad traded his old Model T touring car with the side curtains for a brand new Chevrolet 4-door Sedan. It was a beautiful maroon. I remember how well a 50 Ib. block of ice fit on the bumper and rode home to be washed off and put in the icebox. I remember it also because on some trip out to the country to visit, I believe it was for Dad to call on some school official business, I got my bare foot in the wrong place and the front door slammed on my right little toe. The toenail is still malformed! I also remember the burial of my oldest sister, Evelyn, and getting into that same car to ride home from the grave yard. Evelyn had died of an infection after a poorly attended miscarriage. She left a son, George Lewis Meyer, who now lives in Falls Church, VA. She had another son who died in infancy. I remember visiting her house one day before she died. She lived out in the same neighbor- hood as Frances and Wilburn May

Harriett and I played together a lot before I started to school. I was teased for liking to play with paper dolls with her. We played a lot of childhood games in our big house and yard.

Vivienne was sixteen in February before I started to school. They had a party for her and several

of her friends were in the living room. Some adult who came in was asking how old she was. Harriett was hiding under the library table, crashing the party. She answered, "I can tell you right now, she's no spring chicken."

One day grandma was looking at the paper and saw a picture of a pretty little girl. She said, "There's a pretty girl." Harriett said, "You never can tell how she acts!" Dad said Harriett started talking when she was six months old and never stopped.

Since I would be entering the first grade in the fall of 1932, I was afforded the honor of attending school with L.T. sometime in April of that year. Weaver Creek School, District # 22, was on the next section line exactly one mile from our house. There is no atmosphere quite comparable to that of a one room school. It was a superb place to get a good grammar school education if there was a good teacher, and Weaver Creek was fortunate to have a series of the best teachers in Massac County. I can still remember the distinct odor, a mixture of oil from the floor sweep, crayons, chalk dust, coal burning in the furnace, new books, fresh scrubbed clothes and children, and years of use by all sorts of children. I was proud and also a bit jealous of L.T. who was a 2nd grader. I could hardly wait for August to come and I could have my very own desk.

WEAVER CREEK

My first grade teacher was Miss Edna Dunn. She was the daughter of one of the deacons in the Baptist Church. Dad had encouraged her to go to school and urged the directors of Weaver Creek to give her this first job teaching. I would never have known this was her first school. She impressed me. I thought she was very pretty. She had a peaches and cream complexion, and when she blushed her cheeks turned bright red. I was always a fast learner and did well in school. Years later when I met her in San Antonio where she had come to hear me preach she would be telling her sister-in-law that I had always been as smart as a whip.

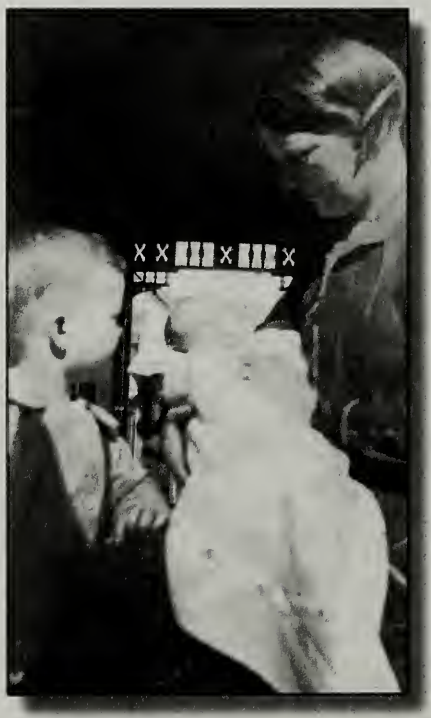
Gale and I were the only two in the first grade. We were always together in nearly everything, which got us into our first trouble. One of the immutable rules at Weaver Creek was that there should never be any rock throwing on the school ground.

Well, there was this fat little kid in the third grade. Gale and I got out for lunch 15 minutes before the rest of the school. I guess they thought first graders had been still up to their limit by that time. This kid asked to be excused to go to the toilet. The boys toilet was at the back of the school yard right on the bank of Weaver Creek. All the windows on the back wall of the school were 6 or 8 feet from the floor, so what went on in back of the school could not be seen from the inside. This whiny kid got seated and Gail and I thought it would be fun to pelt the place with some small pebbles. They weren't really rocks! He went off whining that he was going to tell. Which he did. All the students had been dismissed for lunch, but Miss Edna had sent word that she wanted to see Gail and Joe. We went inside with a great deal of fear knotted up in our guts. She sat us down on the recitation bench on the right

side in front of her desk, and started to grill us. Didn't we know that it was against the rules to throw rocks? Did we throw rocks? You know that I will have to spank you both. "Which one of you wants to be first?" Gail threw up his hand and said, "I do." Whereupon, Miss Edna lost it, barely managing not to guffaw, covering her mouth with her hand and turning scarlet. She took Gail by the arm, gave a few hand swats on the rear, did the same to me and sent us out. Dutifully crying over the humiliation, since there was no real pain inflicted, we ran down the steps to be picked up in the arms of two of the big 7th grade girls, Gale in the arms of his cousin Anna Oaks, and Joe in the arms of Helen Wheymeir. This, of course, made our punishment much more memorable.

The rule in the Evers' household was, "A spanking at school - another at home." For some reason the second part of the rule never got carried out for me.

The 1932 presidential election day was a school day of course. Harriett, then four, got to go to the polling place with Mom & Dad. One of the clerks gave her a sample ballot and she made her X on it for President Hoover and told me all about it when I got home. I was more than a little put out about missing such an honor. My father was convinced that FDR was a moral degenerate for bringing back the saloons. Dad kept a cartoon on the back of his office door which he only showed to those with the same sentiments. It showed a low IQ character saying, "Last week I couldn't even spell dumbocrat; now I are one."



NELLIE and L.T. check out Joe.

L.T. and I usually walked to school together. Leland Shelton and his next door neighbor both owned mean dogs. They lived about a quarter mile north of us. I always walked with L. T. because I wanted protection. One morning he ran off and left me. I was sneaking up the road as quite as I could, and managed to get by with out those dogs coming out to bark. I was about to the next house, about 200 yards on up the road, when I heard noise in the gravel behind me. I whirled around face to face with Tige, Leland's big red blood hound baying and the neighbor's rat terrier snarling at my shins. It was the only time I ever remember being so frightened that I

wet my pants. My terrified scream seemed to satisfy them and they walked off back down the road. I couldn't walk back past them, so I continued on to school greatly humiliated.

My first year of school was interrupted by one of my severest cases of tonsillitis, so I missed about a month of school. The school term ended in the middle of April at Weaver Creek, as it did in most rural schools all over the country. Farm boys had lots of work to do in the Spring. The city schools still had six weeks to go. Dad asked me if I would like to go to Central School for the last six weeks. It was right on the way to Dad's office and my parents could drop me off at 11th St. as they drove on down to his office on 5th St. One day Mom did not go to work. She was the assistant Superintendent at that time, but frequently had what she called sick headaches. I got out early for lunch, and hurried down to Dad's office to ride home with him. When we got home he told Mom that he was not going to drive anymore, that he wasn't a safe driver. He never drove again. Mom began driving him on his school visits. L.T. began driving when he was about 12, Illinois not having a drivers license requirement until 1938.

My father had been elected Co. Supt. in 1918, and normally would have taken office on August 1,1919, at the close of the financial books and the beginning of the new school year. However, Mr. Spence, the previous Supt., had been elected State Senator, and he resigned to go to Springfield for the beginning of the legislative session in January. The County Board appointed Dad to fill the rest of Spence's term. Being new at a job with his predecessor not around to give advice, Dad was under a great deal of stress. By nature he wanted to do a good job and as a fresh politician was very eager to please his constituents. But he came down with the 1918 flu. He had a severe case but went back to work too soon. He had what the old-timers called a backset. The 1918 flu epidemic had a very high incidence of encephalitis. The first signs of Parkinson's disease manifested itself about 1928 or 1929 when he lost enough control of his right hand so that he could not write. I always remember him signing his name with his left in a very primitive script. In 1930 he went to the Mayo Clinic. They diagnosed his condition as Parkinson and said he might live to be 100 but that he would never be any better and would probably get worse.

In the mid "30's" he walked with a shuffle and would put his hand on my shoulder for support. By the latter 30's he had to have his feet lifted up into the car after he sat down on the seat. In all this time I never ever heard him utter a single complaint. I was always envious of the boys my age who had young and vigorous fathers who could play with them.

My second grade teacher was Miss Esther Krueger. I remember a few things from that year. Since the school only started a first grade class every other year, in 1933 we had grades 2,4,6, 8. The 2nd and 4th graders were out early for lunch for some reason. The 4th graders hatched a plan for all the girls to go in the boys toilet one at a time, sit on the old two hole'r while the boys would look up at their bare bottoms and vote on which was the prettiest. Needless to say the second grade boys, Gale

and I, were just as eager as the 4th grade boys to participate. Doris Hilldebrand won. And all of us lost. Miss Esther kept us after school one day the next week. She was never going to confront what we actually did, but she lined both classes up, spanked us all for "playing in the creek," which was strictly against the rules. All of us knew what we were being punished for, and, as far as I know, none of us ever found out who the snitch was. It did teach us a lesson on the strange ways of justice.

I was sweet on a pretty little blond girl named Mary Frances Comer. I had stolen a kiss on the cheek while we were playing at recess one day. The big event of the year was the annual Pie Supper, the main fund raiser for country schools.The girls would bring a pie or box lunch in a beautifully wrapped box. Sometimes it was a secret but most of the time everyone knew whose box it was. If a guy was known to be sweet on some girl, the other guys would run up the bid on him. Sometimes the fathers or other men would bid, which would make both the boys and girls squirm. I was so eager to get Mary Frances' box that I was bidding against myself, which caused a great deal of laughter and lots of ribbing from my family. You live and learn. I won the box.

Harriett got to visit school with me one day that year. Dad asked her if she learned anything. She said she had learned how to make a "deskamal" point, and pretending she had a piece of chalk in her fingers dotted a spot on the wall several times and ground it around just as she had seen one of the eighth grade girls do at the board.

A few things happened that I remember from the fall of 1934. I got my first glasses. My right eye had always crossed, and by the time I got glasses, the nerve was so weakened that I only have about 60% vision in that eye. It has been a goal of mine to speak to every parent who has a child who's eyes are crossed to get them to a doctor before their eyes can be damaged.

I think it was also that fall when a traumatic event occurred as far as I was concerned. I had one of our kitchen chairs leaned back against the north wall of our kitchen. Helen and Vivienne, the only two of the older children still at home, were washing dishes at the sink on the west wall. I was reading a story in my reader about a boy named "Joseph." I must have told them about it because I asked them, "I wonder why the folks didn't name me Joseph?" They both laughed at me and said, that is, your name. I said, "It is not!" They laughed some more and declared it was. No one had ever called me Joseph in my whole life. I slammed down the front legs of the chair, marched into the living room and stood in front of my Dad and demanded: "What is my name?" Dad said, "Joseph Calvin Evers." Mom corrected him: "Joseph Calvin Carr Evers." "Why hasn't anybody told me?" I stormed in no uncertain terms. Everybody had always called me Joe, except for Frances and sometimes Aunt Hattie, (Harriett Hester Ferguson, Dad's sister,) who both on occasion called me Joe Calvin. The very next day at school I began signing my papers as Joseph. It has never bothered me to be called Joe, but I would have liked to have known!

That summer Uncle Tom Trovillion was out of work during the depression. He came to live with

us for a couple of weeks. Dad had him build a new wash house-coal shed behind our house. It would be very useful to us, as I will explain later. But two things happened while Mom's brother was with us. L. T. found a package of his cigarettes and smoked some of them and became deathly sick. L. T., unusual for Dad, was not punished for this infraction. Dad figured he had punished himself enough. I smoked a couple of them also, but I didn't get sick. I was never sick from any of the tobacco products I smoked or chewed.

The other occurrence was an accident that happened to me. To make room for the new wash house, our old tumble down smoke house had to be removed. One evening I climbed up the ladder, reached up to take hold of the shingles on the smoke house. They were rotten old wood shingles so they tore away causing me to lose my balance. I fell off the 5 ft. ladder, hit my mouth on the corner of a 2 x 4 freshly cut and installed on the top of a saw horse. It hurt like the dickens, displaced one of my teeth, and cut a hole in the corner of my mouth on my lower lip.

That evening when I had gone to sleep, Mom came to swab out the wound with mercurochrome. She lost the cotton swab inside my mouth. The scar is there to this day.

It was a bad year in 1934. Harriett was in the first grade. She had taught herself to read when she was four, and was really messing up the first grade class which consisted of Jimmy Baker and another slow learner. Miss Edna was our teacher again for my third and fourth years. Before the first month was out she promoted Harriett to the second grade reader, and at the end of the year she asked Dad if she could promote her to the fourth grade, which would put her in the same grade with me. Dad wouldn't allow it unless she would finish her third grade reader. I think she did that in about three days! So she was in my class. She was always a better speller, but I was better in math and science. We were well into High School before I was fully reconciled to the fact that she had "caught up" with me.

One of the things that helped all the Evers kids to excel was the emphasis that the folks put on reading. Mom read to us constantly when we were too young to read ourselves. Illinois had a program for reading called the "Reading Circle." A student could sign-up to be a part of the reading circle, receive an embossed certificate for reading one book, and a special sticker for all four corners if he completed the circle. A set of books were brought to the Co. Supt. office and displayed for weeks each year leading up to the "Teachers' Institute." After that the company would sell the whole set to Dad at a big discount. They bought the entire set, preschool through college. They included some of the very best books ever written for children. They were educational, they were fun, and they taught us about life. I could still give an A+ book report on dozens of them. We were always reading! We couldn't keep from learning.

Every other Friday we spent the time after afternoon recess in some sort of educational game and fun time. When it was spelling, there was Harriett at the head of the class, unless it was the Ledbetter

girl, a black girl who lived in our district for two years. She was an excellent speller. But if it was to be a math competition everyone wanted me on their team. Very seldom did anyone get the right answer before I did I also remember winning the geography competitions. I don't ever remember studying too hard or doing much homework. But school went from 8:00 to noon and from 1:00 to 4:00, so there was plenty of time while other classes were at the recitation bench to do the assigned work.

For some reason, probably known only to God, the unsold State Fair tickets were distributed to the offices of the County Superintendents of Schools. They were packed in boxes of 1,000s. They were good quality card stock, good for writing notes on the back and good for making numbers games. Since Dad was an old fashioned Methodist and hated playing cards as the "devil's tools," and would never allow a deck of playing cards in our house, we were strictly ordered not to call the tickets "cards." Mom made some of them into a cheap game of Rook. Harriett and I often played with them the same games that one plays with Rook cards. One evening after supper while it was a long way from dark, I said to Harriett, "Let's play cards." In my childish forgetfulness, I had forgotten the paternal instructions. Dad, in his usual stern disciplinary tone, said, "Joe, you go to bed! I've told you they are not cards. They are numbers!" I went sniffling off, and lay crying in my bed for what seemed like hours, bemoaning my bad fortune to have a father who was so unforgiving who just didn't understand someone so prone to making the same mistakes over and over, and was a slow learner of what I considered niggling rules!

An annual occurrence every year at Weaver Creek was a Christmas Program. There were readings, songs and plays. From the fourth grade on I always had one of the leading parts because I had a quick and retentive memory. Nearly all the parents, grandparents who lived near, other relatives and friends attended. All the seats were filled and there were generally people standing around the back and sides.

L. T. and Joe

Besides the program we also had a Christmas gift exchange every year. I was very sweet on a little girl named Slankard. She was younger than I, but I thought she had the cutest ways about her. I wanted her name very bad and prayed very earnestly that I would draw her name out of the box. I remember how awed I was when I actually did draw her name. The next year I prayed just as hard, but didn't draw her name that time. But to my joy, my friend Alva (we called him Alvey)

drew her name and was willing to swap it for the one I had drawn. So I had that cherished name both years she was in our school.

1934 was election year, so the folks were at campaign meetings around the county a great many nights during October and early November. In the election of 1930, Dad had been nominated by both parties, so there had been no worry. There was some anxiety this year but Dad won election to his fifth term, a record which still stands in Massac County.

We took our lunches to school in old fashioned lunch pails. I really can't remember what grandma fixed for my lunches. I think it always included an apple but it seemed to me that it was never very exciting. But Gale always had a bottle of grape juice, which he called red gasoline and declared gave him that special edge in all our running games. I really envied him, and thought his mother must really love him to give him something so special. Once in a while he would let me have a taste, and it was so good. It was always a blue glass bottle with a cork stopper and an aluminum screw-on cap. I believe it was the bottle that salts (laxative) came in. Now I realize that someone in the Adkins family must have needed regular doses of salts. Funny the things that so impress you when you are a kid.

The electric line had been extended north from Metropolis to our house in 1932. We were the last house on the line. We were also the last telephone customer going north, so I remember lots of folks coming to our house to use the phone. The first time I ever saw a person drunk was when Leland Shelton came to use the phone when he was really drunk.

The folks had a water system installed in our house in 1934, and the bedroom that L. T. and I shared was divided. The north half was made into a bathroom. We didn't have to go out to the privy anymore. Sears and Roebuck also installed a hot water heating system. We had the most comfortable house after that. But our cistern could not furnish enough water, so they had a well dug in our south yard. It never ran dry even in the driest seasons.

One of the lasting impressions of my fourth grade year with Miss Edna was her teaching us about the stars and constellations. Not just from the text book, but a night at her fathers farm. He had a hay wagon filled with fresh hay and took us out to his back pasture so we could lay on our backs to see the stars while Miss Edna pointed out the different constellations. It was at the time of one of the meteor showers and we saw a couple of "falling stars." We really did have good teachers.

The big event in the summer of 1936 was the arrival of my very own bicycle. I knew it was coming and I was out the door in a flash. It impressed me for the first time how far a boy could lean over rounding the sink next to the kitchen door when on the dead run. I leaped off the back porch and was transfixed with the beauty of that shiny black bike with the tiny lines of gold trim. But then came the hours of frustration as I tried to master that thing. Why did it always head straight for that maple tree? Why was it so hard to keep upright? Why did everybody in the neighborhood have to laugh? By the next day I was doing pretty good. I rode it to school nearly every day for eight years. It was stolen

on my last day of high school.

1935 and 1936 were the years of the big drought and the "dust bowl" out West. I remember the sky being red, and the dust settling on the desks so that they had to be dusted every few hours. It was at this time that I first became aware of world events that have left a deep impression, and given me a hunger for news and information about the larger world out there: The Hindenburg disaster; the war in Ethiopia; the national election. All my early teachers were staunch Republicans. Miss Geneva Spore, our fifth grade teacher, had us riding on a float in a parade in town wearing Sunflower buttons and waving pennants for Alf Landon. But, of course there was the bitter disappointment of Roosevelt's reelection.

1937 came as a shock for the kids at Weaver Creek. We were to have our first man teacher, Earl Loverkamp, who had the reputation of a hard-nosed disciplinarian. We were all scared witless. He seemed nice enough and Dad assured me he was a good teacher. He had style. He drove a neat Model A Ford, bright yellow with a rumble seat. That year at the annual pie supper there was a good looking stranger there that we had never seen before. But the men in the crowd knew what was going on. She was Earl's girl friend. When it came time to auction her box, the men in the crowd were merciless. They ran the price up close to $20, before they relented and let Earl have it. It was the highest price I ever remember in my eight years there, and took about half of Earl's salary for the month.

The Pie Supper money was always a kind of student activity fund. Since we didn't have a basketball goal, or a decent place to play that game, we generally ordered a new soccer ball, softball, and bat. I don't remember what else we bought. We always had a good sponge-rubber ball to play handy-over. We would have a team on either side of the schoolhouse, throw the ball over for the other side to catch, then run or dodge to keep them from tagging us or throwing the ball to hit us. Players hit had to join the team on the other side. We could fill up a whole recess or noon hour with this game. My favorite game the last two years at Weaver Creek was stink base. There was only one schoolmate who could out run me; that was Gale. We tried to pick each other when we were choosing.

I believe it was the summer of 1936, also, that I had a great scare. Several of us, L. T., Leonard and Gale Adkins, and I believe some others who I don't recall, rode our bikes out to Tinkers Ford to swim. There was a pool of water there about 75 feet long and close to six feet deep in places. I had not yet learned to swim. I would wade and play but not in deep water. I was trying to get to where everyone was playing, when suddenly I could no longer touch bottom. I was struggling and calling for help, but no one was paying any attention. Leonard finally recognized that I was in trouble, swam quickly over, and being tall enough to stand on the bottom, he picked me up and helped me cough up some water. I determined to learn to swim and shortly after that did so, but I have never lost that little cautious fear of the water.

Mr. Loverkamp was our teacher only one year. It was a memorable time since that was the year Lloyd Kruger came to our school. He was two years behind me, and he had the foulest mouth I had ever heard. He had learned it from some bad companions at his previous school. Every time I caught him saying that stuff I would put him on the ground and hold him down till he promised not to say those words again. In a couple of months I had changed him, and he became one of my closest friends.

The Vaughns moved into a house about a quarter of a mile north of us. Alva was the only boy in school who smoked, not on the school ground, of course. They were a poor family and didn't keep themselves very clean. I remember that he wore glasses! In those days it was against the law to hit anyone in the face who was wearing glasses. Dad had told us when we started to school that we should never fight anyone unless we were mad enough to kill them. I never reached that stage.

A few weeks later Gale and I were playing in the cemetery on top of the crypt with steps right next to the Kimball big granite ball. Before we knew it the Rogers boys where right there, and Kenny was boiling mad. Someone had snitched on Gale and me about the spanking eaves-dropping that we had done. Kenny demanded that I take off my glasses so that he could whup me good. I was about to pee my pants when who should show up to rescue me but "Peanuts" Vaughn. He was usually keeping an eye of the Rogers to see what they were up to, and he arrived just in time.

L. T. and I usually had chickens for a 4-H Club project. We would get a hundred newly hatched chicks from Helm's Hatchery and feed them until they were frying size and sell them. We generally came out a few dollars ahead. One day Mr. Rogers big coon-dog had jumped the fence into our brooder pen and was scaring our chickens to death. L.T. got his .410 shot gun and let the hound have it right in the rear. That evening Mr. Rogers came down to complain to Dad. He told Dad that he wouldn't have had his dog shot for a $100. Dad was pretty sure that Rogers hadn't had an honest $100 in a long time, informed him that he thought the solution to the problem was to

Joe, Harriett, and L.T. playing at Ft. Massac.

keep his hound out of our chicken yard.

It was a great relief when the Rogers moved out of Weaver Creek district before the next school year started.

Every Halloween we would all go to town in Dad's car. Mom would park it in front of the store on the corner of 7th and Market. Dad would sit in the car and the men in the community would stop by to talk to him while all the kids, in our costumes, would walk up and down Market Street soaping up the store windows. I never heard of "trick or treat" until I was in Carbondale my first year of college.

A big happening during the summer of 1938 was my having my tonsils removed. That took place at Dr. Walbright's "hospital." It was just a large two-story brick house just south of the library. When I was waking up after the ether wore off, I was pretty much out of my head and asking for things that I wasn't supposed to have. I was teased for years about having declared, "Nobody loves me!" After my tonsils were out I didn't miss a day of school for six years.

Sunday School was a very important influence on my life. I remember most of my Sunday School teachers. Three were special. Wilma Mescher, a college girl who was attending Murray State, was the boys class teacher when I was in the fifth and sixth grades Her father, Willie, was our teacher as intermediates. (Methodist educational experts thought that term was demeaning so we call them Junior High or Middle School, but they still act like intermediates!) When I was in High School, Roy Dunn was my teacher. He loved us and did things to help us learn and develop self discipline. Each fall he would make a "contract" with us. Since 75% was passing in school, we were to attend S.S. 3 of 4 Sundays every month, and at least one of the three regularly scheduled worship services of the week. If we would do that we could go on the class trip during the summer. Once, before I got into the class, L.T. went with the class to Reelfoot Lake for three days fishing, boating and swimming. Most years we went to St. Louis for a day. In the morning we would go to The Highlands, an Amusement Park where the campus of St. Louis Community College is now right across the street from Forest Park. In the afternoon we would go to Sportsman Park and see the Cards and the Cubs play.

Sometime in 1937 or 1938 Rev. Otto Horsley, our pastor, had an evangelist named Vee Jackson. I couldn't tell you a thing he said, but I knew that I had a conviction that I was a sinner who needed Jesus. Before we left for the service, I told my mother that I intended to go to the altar that evening. She said for me to talk to Dad, that he would have some good advice for me. I went out to the car which was parked out front where Dad was waiting for the rest of the family. I wanted to tell him what I had planned to do. He said that he had been praying for me, and that what I had planned was the best thing I could ever do. I knew before I went down that God was calling me to preach. I hadn't been kneeling but a few seconds when Roy Dunn, my Sunday School teacher, was there with his arm about my shoulder. He got there first only because he was sitting closer than my Mom who was there

next. It only took a few moments when I felt like a huge burden had been lifted off me and a great sense of calm. The next morning we were warming ourselves around the old coal-burning kitchen range, when I told Grandma about it. She was very happy. L.T. and Harriett joined the church after that revival, but I was still under the influence of my grandmother's constant Baptist indoctrination and thought I was going to be a Baptist preacher.

All during my childhood and youth one of the most important events was our church's Easter Sunrise Service. We always attended and stayed after the service for the wonderful old-fashioned breakfast. One year in the late '30s there was a big snow, 4 or 5 inches on the ground. As we got out of the car a gust of wind blew Harriett's hat off and it went tumbling through the snow with me chasing it down for her.

I believe it was the winter of 1935-1936 that was the coldest winter for many years. It was especially severe up toward the head waters of the Ohio. In the early spring when the ice began to break up, there was a great ice flow down the river. The folks took us out to Fort Massac to see it. It was amazing to see the entire river filled with huge blocks of ice, churning and crunching against each other and the banks of the river. Some to the chunks were as big as houses. As they pushed and reared up and fell against one another, it was an awesome noise, and a sight I have never seen since.

1937 was the year of the record flood on the Ohio River. The flood on the Ohio backed up Mud Creek, a small tributary of Massac Creek, and covered North avenue from Charlie Dumeirs house to just past 19th St. Mrs. Dumeir was another of Gale's aunts and lived just south of Grandpa Adkins.

Rolland had been doing a lot of rescue work all over the county with his 18 foot johnboat. He came one day to take all of us on a trip down North Avenue. He started just below Dumeirs, and when we got to mud creek the bridge railing was under water. We went all the way to 19th St.

Because this road to town was unavailable, to get to his office Dad had to be driven around through the country. We would drive north from our house to Hood's Corner, a mile and a half, then a mile and a half to Mt. Mission School, about 3/4 of a mile to Route 45 West, then a couple of miles into town from the West. These were narrow gravel roads, so men were stationed at Hood's Corner and at Route 45 to hold the traffic until the last car in line was given a red flag to carry to the man on the other end.

One evening I was given a huge scare. Our car was the last in line. L.T. was driving. He was not quite 13. We looked up and saw a pick up truck coming the wrong way! Dad had L. T. to pull over as far as he could without getting off the gravel and stop the car. The pickup kept coming until it was very close, the driver leaned out and yelled, "Pull off the road, this is the U.S. Mail!" Dad rolled down his window and waved the red flag. The man yelled again, "I don't care if yu do have the red flag! This is the U.S. Mail. Pull over!" Dad stuck his head out his window and yelled louder

than I knew that he could, "I don't care if its the U.S. FEMALE ; we're not pulling over!" The truck pulled over and around us, but I sat there petrified. I was sure that the FBI, the U. S. Army, and the full power of the government would be taking us off to jail. I had never seen my Dad in a real confrontation, and at that time I didn't know how tenacious he could be when he thought he was in the right. Later on Mom told me that it was Ed Wade who was throwing his authority around that day, and that he had come to Dad's office to apologize. He had not known it was Dad until he was passing us.

The 1937 flood was one of the top stories of the first half of the century and Mom kept a whole file of pictures which are still in my possession.

All the eighth grade students in the county schools took the same final exam. There were essay questions so they were graded by a committee of teachers with Dad as the chairman. The exams were graded without the students names on them so that there could be little room for anyone to claim bias. L.T. was the top student in the class, and should have been the valedictorian speaker at graduation. Dad was so afraid that people would think that L.T. had cheated since he was the Superintendents son and the questions came from Dad's office, he made the committee re-grade his exam, against the wishes of the whole family and the committee. They submitted to Dad's authority and L. T. was the salutatorian. I think this was a turning point in L.T.'s life, because he became more and more rebellious during his high school years.

Another event took place in the spring of 1938. The only playground equipment we had at Weaver Creek was a couple of swings. L. T. had one of them and the little Slankard girl asked if he would swing her since she couldn't make the swing go as high as he could. He was making the swing go as high as he could pump it with her sitting between his feet. Somehow she lost her grip on the chains and fell off breaking her arm. It was the only broken bone I ever remember at Weaver Creek. L. T. was as sorry as anyone else and the girl assured him that it hadn't been his fault. Dad was greatly upset, and blamed L. T. for the accident. He said he was going to take L. T. up to the Slankard's house and give him a good whipping in front of their family. My Mom stood up against Dad for the first time I could remember. She said, "No, Luther, you are not going to do that." And that did not happen, but the injustice of Dad's intentions burned in L. T.

Since I was sweet on the little Slankard girl, I rode my bicycle the mile and a half to Hood's corner where she lived nearly every day to see how she was doing.

In the summer of 1938 one of the "barnstormers" who flew the old WWI type Steersman bi-planes with two seats came to Massac County. They were flying out of a big pasture west of town. The folks took us out so that L.T. and I could have the experience of flying in one of the planes that we had been reading so much about. We were both strapped in the front seat and taken up and around that part of the county for about five minutes. We were thrilled. Two flights after ours one of the

wheels came off on the rough ground take-off. The pilot flew around for a while, probably trying to get the gas tank as empty as possible. He landed on the one wheel, and when the wheel-less frame hit the ground the plane cart-wheeled. I remember the top wing being in Farmer's Chevrolet Garage for several years. No one was hurt in the crash, but it made our flight seem more venturesome.

L.T. and I both had BB guns from about the time we were 8 or 9. We shot at lot of sparrows which were eating the chicken feed out of the feeders. Dad believed very strongly in lightning rods and had them installed on our house sometime around 1932 or 1933. They had pretty blue globes about 6 inches in diameter as decorations. L. T. thought they made a neat sound when he shot them and the broken glass came tinkling down the roof. Needless to say Dad was not happy, so L. T. had to earn enough money to pay for new ones.

For his 12th birthday he got a Stevens repeater .22 with a telescope sight. Soon after he got a .410 shotgun. We both learned to hunt with those guns, and hunting became a very important recreation for us both. Later L. T. bought larger guns and he sold both of these to me. I still own the .22, but Ed May bought the .410 from me when I was in college and was financially hard pressed.

The fall of 1938 school year brought Mr. May as our teacher. His name was George Wilburn May, and secretly we called him Gee Whiz. Mr. May was a good teacher, I know now, but at that time I didn't like him very much. He did some very innovative things. He had us write to the secretary of state, get the proper forms and set up our own Weaver Creek Corporation, just to show us how it could be done. He had us write Christmas stories and have them published in the County Paper. Since I was one if his prize pupils, he was very hard on me, and seemed to demand a higher standard of behavior from me than he demanded of the other students, I thought he was unfair, and fairness and equal treatment have always been very important as far as I was concerned.

1938 was another election year. Dad had several opponents in the Primary in April. They were David DeJarnett, Wilburn Smith and George Schneeman. DeJarnett and Smith were both in Dad's Sunday School class and were both good teachers and good friends. Both were ambitious and thought Dad was too disabled by the Parkinson to finish a four-year term. Schneeman was the high school coach and didn't even have a supervisory certificate. But he had a booth in one of the taverns in Metropolis, Brookport and Joppa. He bought enough influence to win the primary. But the voters were so sick of him by fall that they elected the first democrat in Massac County since the Civil War, Harry Wright.

One of the exciting events of the summer of 1938 was a visit to Vivienne in Chicago. L. T. and I spent a week with her. We had never been to that big city and were fascinated with the Brookfield Zoo which had Pandas, and thrilled to get to go to Wrigley Field to see the Cubs. 1938 was the Cubs greatest season, and we got to be a part of that. We were also for the first time impressed by the huge apartment building were Vivienne was living. We got to go to the beach of Lake Michigan.

Dad's term of office went through July 1939. He and Mom were worried about how they would make it financially with three kids still to get through high school. In the 1930s their teachers pensions were very meager.

L. T. and I tried to earn money during these years by doing various jobs around the community. Much of the time we worked for Mr. Adkins in his orchards or strawberry fields. Leonard Adkins was in L. T.'s class. They would take the tractor and wagon and haul the peaches or apples to the packing shed. Later Gale and I would inherit that job.

About this time I started making my spending money by mowing cemetery lots. The largest cemetery in the county was just across the road from our house. When people brought flowers to decorate their family graves at Easter, I would go talk to them. I would contract to mow their lot all summer for $5.00. I mowed a lot of lots!

One of the reasons I didn't like Mr. May very much was that he was a radical democrat. One of the customs of the Evers family was to go down to the farm where Aunt Cynthia Lippert lived for Thanksgiving dinner. Uncle Gus was then renting the farm that had belonged to Dad. Aunt Cynthia made the most delicious home-made bread. I could never understand why in the world she wanted Dad to bring her loaves of "light" bread from town.

The year that Roosevelt proclaimed Thanksgiving would be on the third Thursday of November, Mr. May did not have school that day. But Dad never dreamed that he would be having school on the "real" Thanksgiving Day. That was as sacred to Dad as anything. Harriett and I didn't tell Mom and Dad that Mr. May was having school, or they undoubtedly would have seen that we were there. They didn't find out until our report cards came and reported one day's absence from school. When we confessed, Dad just grinned at us.

One of the things that Mr. May did was confirm my love of history. He is still alive and close to 90 now. He has written two books on the history of Massac County, and was instrumental in getting a pictorial history of the county published. In recent years I have visited him at his farm home where he has a log study. He keeps a copy of my history, and I keep a copy of his. We have shared our love for history at the Fort Massac annual encampment.

Since Dad was to go out of office before Harriett and I would start the eighth grade, and we would be the only children in the family who would not receive a diploma signed by Dad as superintendent on graduation day, Mom decided to remedy that. During the summer of 1939 she had us take the eighth grade exam. We both passed the exam with ease, and she issued us the cherished diplomas.

Harriett had been in the Brownie troop, and then the Girl Scouts, but I was never invited to join a boy scout troop and did not take the initiative to be one. I did belong to the Open Road for Boys, which was an organization from the Magazine by that name. Mom always subscribed for me. I earned several badges for the outdoor accomplishments assigned. I never kept any of the magazines, but I still have

my membership certificate.

About this time L. T. and I decided to make a keepsake hat of our own design. We took one of Dad's old felt hats, cut off all the brim except for a "bill." Then we pinned on all sorts of campaign buttons, attendance pins, secret decoder badges etc. Kevin has it now.

In the fall of 1939, Metropolis celebrated the centennial of the city. There were all kinds of parades and celebrations and contests. One of the contests was an ice cream eating contest. I was up close to the stage where things were being conducted and managed to get into the contest. We were all given a pint of chocolate ice cream in a round container. We were to push up the bottom until the ice cream stood out, and with no spoon eat it as fast as we could. I finished first, won the dollar first prize, and proudly walked off; but my mouth, teeth and throat were numb for the rest of the day! I went down that afternoon and deposited the dollar in the City National Bank in my own Savings Account.

I had read lots of stories about WWI. All of them made heroes of all branches of our American military. I was especially fond of stories about our fighter pilots. Since WWII had started and the news was that German forces were rolling toward France, I was sure that the AEF [WWI term for Allied Expiditionary Force, American forces] would be over there any time and settle the German's hash before they got to Paris just as they had only 20 years before. How little I knew!

Harriett and I graduated in April of 1940 from Weaver Creek.. Dad asked us if we would like to go to Central School to meet the youngsters we would be going to High School with in the fall. We both thought that would be neat. So we were back in school for another six weeks, and at the end of that time we got our third graduation certificate from grade school.

There was one teacher there to whom I took an early dislike. That was Miss Williamson. She was our home room teacher. The first week we had some sort of grammar test. Harriett made an A and I made a C. Williamson made a comment about it in front of the class. I said that I wasn't very good at grammar. She said sarcastically, "What are you good at?" I thought that was uncalled for, and it caused me a great deal of satisfaction when the gossip spread around town that one of the local farmers had to pull Mr. ____'s Cadillac out of the mud where it got stuck with the banker and Miss Williamson where they had been making out.

I had bought a cap at a bargain. It was like a filling station attendants hat with a wire in the octagon shaped crown and a patent leather bill. One day it was very windy, my hat blew off and rolled across the school ground with me in hot pursuit. I finally caught up with it and skidded to a halt, falling down right at Anna Lee's feet. I was really embarrassed and all the girls were laughing at me. She was the tallest girl in school, and I was one of the scrawniest boys.

Mom bought me a nice dress-hat that summer. She said I should hang it up at the church, then I would always know where it was, since I had a terrible habit of forgetting it on Sunday evenings.

This reminds me of one of my favorite stories from my childhood years. Dad had always shaved with a straight razor. He had used the razor strop for more than just a sharpener! When he began to tremble with his Parkinson, he started going to the barber shop which was in the next building north of the Armstrong Building where his Co. Supt. office was. One day as he was returning from his morning shave, he met Rev. Etter, the Baptist preacher right in front of Mr. Sturgis' office, who was a J. P., and a "hard shell" Baptist. Mr. Sturgis was in his usual position, in his chair with it leaned against the front wall by his door. Dad said, "I wonder if you men could tell me how a Methodist would go about getting into the Baptist Church." Well, they fell on him like a dog on fresh meat. They told him he would have to "put in his experience" and be voted on by the congregation. That he would have to be baptized by immersion by a Southern Baptist preacher. Mr. Sturgis added, "And you will have to quit taking communion with every Tom, Dick, and Harry in the country." They were eager to have such a distinguished convert. It would be quite a trophy! When they had finished, Dad said, "Well, I've been wondering how a Methodist like me could get into the Baptist Church. I left my hat over there last night." Brother Etter laughed about it and would mention it to any of the Evers kids for years how Luther had really pulled one on him. But Mr. Sturgis didn't see the humor, and would hardly speak to Dad for weeks. I can't remember the year - probably 1939 or 1940 — I know it was after Mom got her new Westinghouse electric stove to replace a kerosene stove we had been using after getting rid of the old wood and coal burning cast-iron range. I had been cooking breakfast for several years, had graduated to baking pie shells and doing lemon pies; so I decided to expand my experiences with cooking. I would make a cake to enter it in the Farmers' Institute, Massac County's Fall Festival, as close to a county fair as Massac County had. I studied the Westinghouse cookbook and picked out one that sounded good to me: a raised chocolate cake. Mom said I had picked out the most difficult recipe in the whole book. Undeterred, I made it, entered it in the competition and won second place.

METROPOLIS COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

During the summer of 1940 Vernie Barnett's family moved into the house just north of Leland Shelton. Vernie was to become my best friend for the next nine years. Gale began to hang out with the richer kids in school and we drifted apart. Vernie and I were about the same size. When I entered High School I was 5'2" and weighed 83 pounds.

The opening assembly the first day of school was in the study hall-assembly room. We were assigned to seats, two to a seat. Whoever picked the seat mates had assumed that "Vernie" was a girls name and had assigned him to sit with Pawnee Payne, the biggest girl in the entire school even as a freshman, 5'10" and well over 200 pounds. This made Vernie notorious, even though the seating arrangement was changed. He was elected President of the class and was reelected all four years.

Vernie belonged to the Upper Salem Methodist Church, which was very close to Round Knob,

five miles north of Metropolis. Since there was not enough youth there to have a Youth Fellowship, he began to attend our MYF and Church on Sunday evenings. Upper Salem was on the Joppa Charge with Oak Grove. Vernie often participated with the kids at Joppa who included Max Martin, the son of Rev. Ruth Martin, the pastor and one of only two women pastors in our conference when we were in High School. At this time I still thought I was going to be a Baptist preacher, but we had ceased going to the Baptist Church because our interest was in the Methodist Sunday School and the MYF. In 1938-1939 we began to attend Junior Epworth League, which after the union in 1939 became the MYF. Then in High School we were in the MYF. The youth also had a Gospel Band that met on Thursday evening. I thought they played instruments, so I did not attend for several months until I found it was just an old-fashioned Methodist class meeting, with singing, prayer and testimony.

Our program for most of High School was to attend Sunday School and Church on Sunday morning, MYF and Church on Sunday evening, Prayer Meeting on Wednesday evening and Gospel Band on Thursday. Tuesdays and Fridays were basketball nights all winter.

At the country schools where Vernie and I went to school there was no basketball goals, so by the time we got to high school the boys who were interested had already been playing for four or five

THIS photo was made as the family gathered for Harriette's wedding. Harriett, Joe, and Nellie are seated, and standing are Francie, Paul, Helen, L.T., Stelsa, Rolland, and Vivienne.

years. There was no way we could make the team. We put our efforts in other directions. Vernie was in the ag department and FFA. I sang in the chorus and took Latin. Vernie had not yet felt his call to preach. I knew that I was headed for college but Vernie had not reached that same point yet.

L.T. and I belonged to the 4H club. While he was still at home our project for 4-H was our chickens. When he joined the navy I had bees for a project. I was the only boy in the county who made a project out of harvesting honey. I had fantasies of owning hundreds of hives of bees and getting rich off their work. But that took capital, I never really tried to expand my two hives.

We usually got all male chickens to sell, but the persons who judged the sex would probably have an error rate of 3 or 4%, so we would keep the females to add to our hen house. We always got enough eggs for our family. Sometimes one of the hens would steal off and make a brooding nest, and return after three weeks with 8 to 15 new chicks. Once, during the early years of the war, our egg production fell off to practically nothing over night. We discovered that a thief had "culled" our flock and had taken only the best layers. We nearly always raised barred rock chickens. A couple of years we had Rhode Island Reds.

The coal shed was used for that purpose as long as we had the old coal-burning, pot-bellied stove in the living room. After the furnace was installed we kept the coal in the basement and the coal house became our brooder house.

The wash house side was used for two purposes. I would build a fire in the little flat top stove, put the big copper kettle on full of water, and it was one of my jobs to do the washing. We had a Maytag wringer washer, and a bench that would hold two big galvanized wash tubs to do rinses. Dad had built a clothes line in the yard south of the well and flower garden. It was two railroad ties set in the ground with a crossarm at the top of each. The ties were 60 feet apart, with three strands of #9 wire.. I have washed and hung out to dry enough clothes and bedclothes to hang all three wires double many a time.

Another job that usually fell to me was that of boiling the canned fruit and vegetables that we "cold packed" for the winter. We generally had a pretty good sized garden, and we always canned peaches. Since L. T. and I often worked in the "packing shed" for Mr. Adkins, we had the privilege of buying the over-ripes from the "facers" (the biggest and best looking peaches of the crop that were put on the top of the basket and decorated with slivers of brightly colored paper for the market.) Many times when we were preparing them, eight halves would fill a quart jar. The over-ripes were too ripe to ship, but they were perfect for eating and canning. When the jars were filled and seven quarts were in the boiler, I would fill the pan up to the neck of the jars and boil them for a half hour. Store bought peaches just cannot compare with the product that we produced. We also canned a lot of corn and green beans.

My freshman year the 4-H Club had a costume party. My family thought I should go as a girl,

since I was so slim. They dressed me up in hose, dress, hat, scarf, lip stick, and no glasses. No one had ever seen me without glasses. Some of the guys were convinced that some body had sneaked a girl into the club meeting. It was quite a coup for me. I sat demurely with my knees properly together without speaking until the judging was over. I won the prize; I believe it was candy of some sort. The Bremer boys in whose house we were meeting talked about it time after time for many years.

BROTHERS AND SISTERS are James Paul Evers, (Mary) Frances Evers Shelton, Stelsa (Ethel) Evers Bryant, Helen (Ann) Evers DeVita, Vivienne May Evers, and (Daniel) Rolland Evers. In the smaller picture on top are Rolland Evers, Vivienne Evers, Frances Shelton, Nellie Trovillion Evers, Paul Evers, Harriette Weaver, Joe Evers, and Stelsa Bryant. The smaller photo was made during the early 1960s, and the larger photo was two decades earlier.

William Evers

John Alexander Evers

James A. L. Evers

Luther L. Evers

Dr. Joseph C. Evers (1926-)

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The Rest of the Story

(EDITOR'S NOTE: In the previous chapter, the Rev. Joseph C. Evers told about his life and experiences up through high school. In 2009, he provided the "rest of the story" that follows here.)

By Dr. Joseph C. Evers

When I was a teenager countless people kept telling me that these were the "best years of your life." My thought at the time was, "Good grief! Why don't I just end it all right now?" I had so many hard times, heartaches, hang ups, psychological problems, and severe acne that I just couldn't imagine any sane adult saying that. I vowed never to say that to any other teenager.

In spite of all that I suppose I had a "normal" time of it. I sang in the chorus, had major parts in both junior and senior class plays. I graduated fifth in the 52 member class of 1944. I was one of four members of the class to pass the exam for naval officer training, but when they examined my eyes I was not accepted.

When a junior I did not have a date for the Junior-Senior Banquet (now known as the prom). But when we were seniors Vernie had a steady date who was a freshman. He wanted me to get a date to go with them. I had only one date up to that time, and said that I was sure that the girl I would like to take would not accept me as a date. I had a crush on Anna Lee Armstrong, but she was dating a college guy, so I didn't think I stood a chance. Vernie said I should ask her. I did, and she accepted!! That was the beginning of our four-year courtship.

Vernie Barnett and I met with the District Superintendent at a Quarterly Conference at the First Methodist Church in Metropolis some time in the first part of 1944. He asked us where we were going to college. We said probably to McKendree, our Southern Illinois Conference College. He said they were having one of their periodic fights, and why don't you go to Carbondale and preach in the Harrisburg District. That sounded like a winner to us, so in September we drove to Carbondale in Vernie's 1936 Ford and registered. You have to know that I started college with $40 and faith. I worked as a night watchman on the campus for the first month. Then at Annual Conference of the Southern Illinois Conference I was appointed to the Harrisburg Circuit, Oct. 1, 1944, beginning the many years as a pastor. Boy was I ever green. I only lasted there one year.

The next two years I was pastor on the Eddyville Circuit, a 45 mile long string of churches from Pleasant Ridge to Temple Hill. Over the course of two years my charge included six churches. Paul Brown, my DS, couldn't understand why I was not taking in members hand over fist in those postwar church boom years, When I told him there were empty houses on every hilltop in Pope County, he couldn't believe me, telling me that people couldn't find a house in Harrisburg. It was 15 years later when the demographic stats demonstrated the truth of what I said. In 1900 there were 16,000 people in Pope County, with 50 rural schools full of children; in 1940 there were 8,000. In 1950 there were 4,000. And in 1960 there were 2,500.

My senior year was spent in the Mt. Moriah-Lone Oak charge.

As a history major I wrote my dissertation on "The History of Slavery in Southern Illinois."

My Bachelor of Arts degree was awarded by Governor Green. The class was 1948. the first class to graduate under the full university status. Through 1947 it was Southern Illinois Normal.

Anna Lee and I were married on Aug.25. 1948, in First Methodist Church, Metropolis. Ill.

I went in June to the Kent charge (four churches) in the Bloomington District of the Indiana Conference. I began seminary at Asbury Seminary in Wilmore, Ky. in September 1948 and graduated in August of 1950. This was about a 3 hour road trip. By taking 18 hours most quarters, reading courses during Christmas "vacation," and two summer terms

(which I had sworn that I would never do) I finished the three year program in two calendar years. I was in a hurry.

DECADE OF THE '50s
PASTOR AND GRADUATE STUDENT

June of 1950 found me as a full member to the conference appointed to Mill Shoals, Springerton and Asbury Chapel, the lowest paid seminary graduate in the conference, at $2,200. We had three very successful years there and made life long friends. At the end of three years the charge was paying $3,300 and the DS was going to appoint me to another three-point charge paying $2,500. Anna Lee and I decided I should go back to school to prepare ourselves for missionary work in Africa, to which we both felt called. I was the first pastor at Mill Shoals to have a telephone. It was on a 17-party line. Needless to say we never ever discussed personal or church business on that line! We drove to Fairfield and called the only District Superintendent in New England who answered our letter asking about the possibility of a student appointment. The call was made from the home of one of our church members who still attended at Mill Shoals. The DS showed no interest, thinking I was a student at Boston. When it dawned on him that I was calling from Illinois he became very animated and assured me that I would have a church. They appointed me to Maplewood, Malden, MA, which had never been a student appointment before.

I drove our '49 Chevy with a U-Haul trailer to Malden, with a ton (according to the scales at Metropolis) arriving safely on a Thursday. Anna Lee was pregnant with Mark, and since she had two previous miscarriages, the Young Adult Sunday School class at Mill Shoals had insisted she fly instead of taking that long automobile trip. They paid for her ticket and I met her at the Logan Airport, Boston, on the following Monday.

I did not go to Boston University that first semester because of our pregnancy. Mark was born Sept. 8, 1953. My graduate education began with the Spring semester 1954. I had registered for a Master of Sacred Theology degree. At that time seminaries were awarding BD degrees for seminary grads, so an STM was graduate work. After I had taken thirty hours at BUST, I decided to apply for Ph.D. candidacy. My major professor tried to discourage me, saying that he didn't think I could do it. I took the qualifying exam, scored very high and was admitted to Ph.D. candidacy in 1955.

One of the prime adventures and joyful experiences of this decade was a trip to General Conference in Minneapolis. Gene Thompson, from Birmingham Southern, another Methodist School, and Vanderbilt Seminary, a fellow student in BUST in the Masters program, Bob Sanders, from Texas Western, and SMU's Perkins Seminary, also in the STM program, and I decided to go the General Conference. Gene had a new 55 Ford. Bob and I said we would furnish all the gas and oil if Gene would drive. I called one of my Asbury Seminary classmates who lived in Minneapolis to see if he could find us a place to stay. One of his elderly members had a big old two story house with three bedrooms upstairs

where we could stay for free. We drove straight through from Boston. We ate with every DS we could talk with. Gene and Bob both got appointments. Gene in Virginia and Bob back in Texas. We stayed from Monday night to Friday. I spent $26! This was the General Conference that voted to ordain women and receive them as full members of Conference.

Since we had driven from Cleveland to Chicago on the way to Gen. Con. we decided to go back north of the lakes through Canada. The first night there was a magnificent display of the "northern lights." Neither of the southern boys had ever seen such a thing, so I got to drive while they watched.

Our second child, Dan, was born July 4, 1956. Our Dr. Portman said he had delivered lots of siblings and several twins but he had never delivered two boys that looked exactly alike.

During the next winter Anna Lee developed severe rheumatoid arthritis, making it almost impossible for her to climb the stairs. This was a disability that our mission board would not pass. By this time I had made the decision to write my dissertation on "The History of the Southern Illinois Conference of The Methodist Church." We decided to return to Illinois.

Jerry Weiss, another southern Illinois boy, and I drove down to meet his father who was attending the Mid-Winter Seminar of the College of Christian Life in New York. It gave me an opportunity to see all of the S. Ill. DS's at one time. I informed them that I would be returning to the conference and informed them that I graduated from seminary in 1950 the year that most of the young fellows returning from school had graduated from high school. I didn't think I should have to take an appointment on the same level that those fresh out of seminary would be receiving. They assured me that I would be well taken care of. So much for their solemn promises!

When conference came I was to be appointed to Clay City, salary level the same as the class of 1957. We considered going to Central Illinois, but Anna Lee wanted to go to Clay City because her closest friend and Asbury roommate, Jean Martin was in Flora, just seven miles away. Our third child, Jane Ann, was born in March 1958 in the hospital in Olney.

So here I was 100 miles away from McKendree where I would be doing much of the research for my dissertation and having to drive over there weekly. I was supposed to finish all the work for my Ph.D. in 1960. My major professor said I would be dropped from candidacy if I didn't get it finished.

In April of 1960, I went to Denver to General Conference with Max Martin and Jim Nettleton. We stayed for free at the house of Max's cousin. I attended the BU Alumni dinner. President Case was there, so I went to ask him to intervene with my major professor who just did not understand all the impediments that a busy pastor had in completing all the work in just five years. Pretty soon I got a letter from my professor saying he was sorry

and said he would give me another chance. I finally got all the work done and earned the first Ph.D. of any pastor in Southern Illinois Conference history. Our family took a vacation and drove to Boston for the graduation ceremony in the Boston Garden, where I had seen many Celtic games.

In June 1960 I was appointed to Epworth, Belleville. Several of my Camp Meeting friends warned me about that church and said that I should not go there. But after much prayer we felt good about the appointment and had five good years.

DECADE OF THE '60s

SOME OF MY BETTER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

It was in the fall of 1961 that I discovered my name listed as the stand-by for Charles Chadwell who was scheduled to preach the memorial sermon at Annual Conference in 1962. I was used to doing research in the Journals, so I looked back and the stand-by always preached the next year. I pointed this out to Charley, and he was very upset, saying, "They wouldn't do that to me again!" (He had preached it 5 or 6 years previous.) The next day I began a file for the sermon I would preach at Annual Conference in 1963. I looked on it as a great honor, and looked forward to the opportunity to speak my deepest convictions before the Conference.

It was interesting how this became a turning point in how I was viewed in the conference. Up to this point the hierarchy viewed me as an Asburyian and my old Camp Meeting friends didn't quite know what to think about me being an Asburyian who had gone to Boston University. My cosmopolitan education – eight years in a one-room country school, high school in a small town, college in a state university, seminary in the most conservative, evangelical, Wesleyan, independent seminary, and graduate school in the most liberal Methodist School of Theology – has always been a source of great pride to me. But it was a puzzle to a lot of people who didn't know me well.

I did a lot of praying that God would use the sermon for the glory of God and the blessing of the Conference. I wrote to many of the praying people in my former parishes to pray with me.

When I went to Annual Conference in Mt. Vernon that year, Anna Lee went with me. We stopped for lunch and John Amsbury came up to our table and said they were going to campaign to elect me to General Conference. I said fat chance!

The sermon went very well. I preached with great liberty. Aldersgate Year was 1963 for The Methodist Church – the 245th anniversary of John Wesley's Aldersgate heart-warming experience. We were to study Ephesians that year. The title of my sermon was "Ambassadors from Aldersgate." To my amazement, and to the amazement of most of the Annual Conference, I was elected on the second ballot. I was only the second pastor of a local church to be elected to General Conference from our conference since 1939. I was the youngest ever elected up to that time, and the only one who had never held a "big"

job or been the pastor of a "big' church. All previous delegates had been either District Superintendents. College Presidents. or former District Superintendents. It was a shock to Bishop Voigt also. He had not included me that year in a select list of young men he had invited to a special dinner the night before conference was to begin to tell them they were the future leaders of the conference and that they could either fight each other or they could make a pact with each other to get along and promote the welfare of the conference. Max Martin was one of the chosen and told me all about it. I did not find out for several years what Bishop Voigt said to our visiting Bishop that year on how shocked and disappointed he was that Joe Evers had been elected instead of some of his chosen ones. I was told later by friends that my sermon had gotten me the election. It was one of the thrills of a lifetime. Anna Lee and I drove to Pittsburg with the Lay Leader of the Conference, Everett Thompson, and had a wonderful time.

In one of the business sessions of the conference I had to go to the men's room. When I got back to my seat Clyde Funkhouser. the DS seated next to me said that I been elected to something, he didn't hear what it was. I had to read about it in the next mornings "Daily Advocate." I had been elected to the "Board of the Association of Methodist Historical

THE REV. Joseph C. Evers with sons Dan, Mark, and Kevin.

Societies." Since I had been elected to one of the "General Agencies" the Jurisdictional delegates asked me to serve on the Jurisdictional committee on nominations and see if I could get any of them on a General Agency of some sort. I tried to get Hubert Hurley on the Lay Activities Board or Clyde Funkhouser on the educational committee, but they were out-voted by people from Ohio and North Dakota. I was finally successful in getting Mrs. Davis on the Board of Missions. This experience taught me how I got my job. In 1964 the Board of Bishops did more than half of the nominations. Bishop Voigt had struggled valiantly to get a position for Hubert or Clyde without success. Then the secretary said they needed a clergy member for the Board of the Association of Methodist Historical Societies." He said he had a young man in Southern Illinois Conference that just got a Ph.D. in Church History from Boston University. Before he could even tell them my name they all agreed, and Voigt got one of the three positions assigned to Southern Illinois. At Unification in 1968 the Board became the Commission on Archives and History and I was continued until 1972. Then I was elected President of the North Central Jurisdiction Commission which put me back on the national commission until 1976. It was an honor and a high privilege to travel all over the country for those 12 years. Bishop Slater, President of the Commission, wanted us to meet in his Area at least once. We met in San Antonio in April 1972.

All the clergy members of the Commission were assigned to preach in one of the big churches in the city. Texas churches nearly all have weekly newspapers, standard newspaper size. The church I was to preach had my picture featured on the front page. After the morning worship a lady came by to speak to me. It was none other than my first grade teacher, Miss Edna. We had a great conversation. I hadn't seen her since I was in the fourth grade!

In March of 1964 I was reading in my study at Epworth when I received a phone call from the dean of Ashland Theological Seminary, Ashland, Ohio. He said I had been recommended by Dr. Harold Kuhn (my teacher at Asbury) to teach church history in their seminary; and had I ever considered teaching in a seminary. I said it had been my ambition for many years. Would I be interested enough to come to Ashland for an interview? I flew to Ashland on a DC3 on a windy March day, so rough that the stewardess could not walk down the isle. I was terribly sick and had to use the barf bag for the first time on a commercial flight. The committee liked me and I liked Ashland. They sent me a contract which I carried around in my pocket for several weeks.

Trying to make up my mind was difficult. I prayed and prayed. Anna Lee told me later that she prayed until she was convinced that I should not go, but she was still urging me to go.

While carrying the contract one morning and trying to decide what to do, I got a call from our former Bishop Charles Brashares. He said, "Joe, this is Charley Brashares." I said, "Bishop, how are you?" He said that he had just gotten home from a meeting of the

Board of Evangelism. He said that a wealthy Texas oil man was ready to endow chairs of evangelism in every one of our Methodist Seminaries. He said that many on the board were of the opinion that we had spent enough time on methods of evangelism and what they would be looking for were men who had the spirit of evangelism, and he thought of me. I still consider that one of the highest complements I have ever been given. He said he had wanted to "do something for you" when he and his cabinet were making appointments, but the right opportunity had never worked out. I told him I had a contract in my pocket to teach at Ashland. He said not to do anything until he saw me at General Conference. When I saw him at General Conference he was delightfully vague about the matter. Up to that time Boston was the only Seminary that had a professor of evangelism, and that was my teacher, Alan Walker of Australia, the chairman of Evangelism for the World Methodist Council. The truth of the matter was that the Methodist seminaries were not about to let a "wealthy Texas oil man" tell them what they should be doing or who could be on their faculties. I had already told Ashland that I would not be accepting their offer.

1964 also brought me an offer to teach in a college in Rhode Island, which I did not accept.

Also in 1964 my dissertation was published by Parthenon (the manufacturing division of The Methodist Publishing House.) When I came back from Boston I was put on the Historical Society. They wanted to publish my dissertation. I said here is the manuscript. Just never hold me financially responsible in any way. They said not to worry they would sell the books. My experience had been that local histories do not sell, and they should plan on being cautious. It was going to cost $2,900 for a 1,000 copies. We were planning on selling them for $3 each, and 2,000 copies would only cost $,3500. I said they would never sell that many. I could not dissuade them. They ordered 2,000. At the 1964 annual conference when they had the maximum publicity, and I was there to sign them, we sold less than 100. The Historical Society was burdened with debt for 10 years. When I traveled those first years they paid me off with books. I have carried several cases wherever I have lived ever since. I still have two cases, 66 books to the case, in my garage in Quincy!

Bishop Voigt asked me to go to the Rocky Mountain Conference where Bishop Phillips would appoint me to a $9,000 church. I was making $5,600 at Epworth. Voigt said that if I went out there and established myself that I could replace life's church history professor who was near retirement age. I looked in the General Minutes. The Rocky Mountain Conference included the whole states of Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, and a piece of Nevada as big as Massachusetts which was a three point charge. Wyoming was a district with 13 churches. Utah had 12, and eight of those were in Salt Lake City. By this time I knew a little bit more about how people got on the faculties of our seminaries. I also didn't think I would be happy in such geographical isolation. I declined. Both Mark and Dan were disappointed. They could just imagine all the outdoor fun we could have in that area.

Clyde Funkhouser, my DS, asked me to attend a seminar in East St. Louis at SIU. It was a seminar on the problems in that troubled city. Jimmy Simms attended with me. Little did I know that Clyde was preparing me to move to East St. Louis in 1965. I was assigned to St. Paul.

The previous pastor had reported an average of over 100 in Sunday School. When the church secretary checked the records for me there was never a single Sunday, even Easter, with as many as 100 in attendance. At our charge conference the first year Clyde sat at our table and said that it was not the church he thought he was appointing me to.

The first month we were in East St. Louis the chairman of E. St. Louis, Inc. (a SIU agency working on the problems of E. St. Louis.) and asked me to chair their committee on education. My acceptance led to many involvements in the city. I was a part of CAPS (Citizens Association for the Public Schools.)

In the spring of 1967 I was one of those chosen to go to Seattle for the Mission to the Northwest, an area which has the lowest percentage of church members in the nation. My host pastor chose me out of the list of those who were coming in from all over the country because he saw that I had a Ph.D. from Boston, and assumed that I was a flaming Liberal like himself. Surprise! When I gave "altar calls" it scared him mightily, but his people responded well. He said that I was just the kind of preacher that their bishop was looking for and would I be interested in talking to his DS. I said why not. We went in to downtown Seattle to the Methodist offices. Joe Harding was the DS and I had met him in Southern Illinois. At our evangelistic convention and at the General Conference. We talked for a while, he was interested and finally asked if I would like to talk to Bishop Palmer. I said OK so he picked up the phone spoke to Bishop Palmer and said come on. We walked down the hall to the Bishop's office. He introduced me to the Bishop and said I might be interested in moving to his area. Pretty soon he remembered conversations he had with Bishop Voigt and said I was the one the fuss was all about at conference in 1963. To shorten the story they offered to appoint me to Woodenville, a small town about 15 miles north of Seattle. It would have been a sizeable raise in salary and they assured me that Woodenville was on the edge of a big boom. A 400 unit subdivision was been planned only a half mile from the church. When I got home we talked and prayed until I was sure that I should not go. That winter Boeing laid off 5,000 workers, the subdivision was never built, and the Woodenville church still has about the same number of members as in 1967.

CAPS was going to disband in the winter of 1967-68. All the founding members were either retired, sick of the fight, or moving out of East St. Louis. They offered to give their remaining funds to help finance my campaign if I decided to run for the school board. Anna Lee didn't want me to run. (She was a teacher in that district.)

You have to know that it was one of the most troubled school districts in the nation. The last grand jury investigation was the loss of $600,000. They just couldn't find it! The

night before the account books were to appear in the circuit court, the board of education building burned. Before that they had revealed that teachers were having to pay precinct committeemen $500 to get teaching jobs.

The teachers union decided to run a slate of candidates to try to help clean up the mess. They wanted to interview me. They were afraid I would run against them. The first question they asked me was why Anna Lee was not a member of the teachers union. I told them she thought the union was unprofessional, that she was from an old line Republican family and that she would never join the union. She was teaching in the school in French Village. I also told them that if I were a teacher and had to deal with East St. Louis politics I would want as strong a union as possible. They liked my answers and agreed to put me on their ticket. We were going to run on a "new age" slate, Adams, Gerigosian, and Evers. Mrs. Geragosian fouled up the order by standing in line, or one of her family or friends standing in line for 10 days in order to be first on the ballot. They put Adams (a black man)

THE REV. JOSEPH C. EVERS FAMILY are (first row) Chole Evers, Christopher Evers, Kaleb Birdsell, Kyle Evers, and Chad Evers (in front of Justin), (second row) Kalyssa Birdsell, Karmen Evers Birdsell, Carla Scholobohm Evers, Karen Evers, Joe Evers, Justin Evers, Mary Evers, Jareth Evers, (third row) Doug Birdsell, Kevin Evers, Jane Evers Comeau, Dan Evers, Danny Comeau, and Mark Evers.

second and me third. I have always been proud that in East St. Louis, when Mayor Alvin Fields was the second most powerful Democrat in Illinois right after Richard Dailey of Chicago. that I was the leading vote-getter in a field of 19 candidates, many of them the old-time politicians. There were many disappointing things in my term of service but many good moments as well.

My children in the four years we were in East St. Louis started one year at the regular starting time. The other three years the teachers were on strike. The fall of 1968 was a particularly bitter time. The teachers union hired one of the brilliant but unscrupulous lawyers to do their negotiating. They had about a hundred black citizens occupy the Board of Education Building. I had been in Mt. Vernon for Conference business. I came to the building late for a meeting that had been especially called. At first the ones in charge of the occupation were not going to let me in. but I insisted. I had to walk up the stairs which were filled with angry black people. Mine was the only vote on the Board against the surrender to such a mob.

Nothing was ever voted or recorded in our official business but when school resumed we were 40 teachers short of having a full staff. Many teachers had retired, moved away from East St. Louis, or quit in disgust at the way things had been going. Our assistant Superintendent of District 189 went to Mississippi and bought 40 teachers for us. The kind of teachers who will run out of a contract in a school district to teach in East St. Louis, just might be a few fries short of a Happy Meal!

Jane Ann's fifth grade class got one of the worst of them. We thought we might be in trouble when Anna Lee asked on Thursday night if she wanted help with her spelling words. She said they weren't having spelling. We thought Oh, well, what does a fifth-grader know. The next Thursday the same thing. She said, "I told you we were not having spelling. Our teacher doesn't like spelling and we are not having it!" When the supervisor visited Anna Lee's room at the school in French Village she asked her what was going on in Jane Ann's class. She said she didn't know but it wasn't education!

Finally, just before Thanksgiving, I went to see the Principal of Lansdown and asked him about what was going on. He said, well he had been intending to get up there. He was in his last year of a long life, and illustrious career as a school man and he was not going to have it spoiled by unpleasantness his last year.

At the Board of Education meeting the first part of December 1968, I told the Assistant Superintendent in charge of personnel that something had to be done about Jane Ann's teacher and that if they were not willing to remove him from the classroom, I was going public with the matter. They made her teacher a floating teacher for the junior high's, which really meant he was a floating substitute going wherever they needed him. During the Christmas break, they found a fresh black graduate of SIU who was assigned to Jane Ann's classroom, and he did a tremendous job in bringing the class up to speed.

Meantime my relationship with DS Travelstead and Bishop Webb were going through rough times. They were making decisions about the churches in East St. Louis from Lebanon and Springfield without consulting the folks in East St. Louis. It came to a head when Jack refused for the third time to let John Tunstall build a new church for the Wesley-Bethel congregation. John already had authority from the Central-West Conference of the Central Jurisdiction to build the new church before Wesley-Bethel was taken in as the only black Methodist congregation in the Southern Illinois Conference. Ernie Teagle and I met with John in the old downtown Holiday Inn and said if he wanted to get the project done he should take a bus load of demonstrators to Carbondale and march on the annual conference. He did that. The next day Webb called me into the study at First Church and told me I had to start cooperating with my DS. I stopped him right there and challenged him to bring one person in the room who would tell him one time when I had not cooperated. He said, "Well. They tell me..." I stopped him right there and said, "Bishop, do you know what the best thing you could do for our Conference?" "What?" he said.I said, "Burn that little black book!" "What little black book?" he asked. Then I told him, "That little black book that Bishop Voigt left you with all that gossip in it." He said Bishop Voigt hadn't left a little black book. I said, "Well, you have one! And when Bishop Voigt called me up to Springfield to buy me lunch at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel, he got out his little black book and said, 'Joe, I don't want you to answer me. I just want you to hear what they say about you. And that is a direct quote!" I happened to know that Webb had gotten his little black book out and read to one of my best friends the day before.

I never dreamed in my younger days that I would ever stand face to face with a Bishop and point my finger right at his nose and have to have that sort of conversation. The exact wording of which is burned in my memory.

In April of 1969, the Administration of District 189 presented the list of the teachers who were to be re-hired and Jane Ann's old teacher's name was on the list. I asked "Why?" He had proved that he could not teach and had been removed and as a sort of courtesy was allowed to be a floating teacher the rest of the year, so why should we rehire him?" They said they thought they would have trouble with the union if he was not re-hired. I said, So, let's have trouble with the union! I could not get a single administrator or board member to agree with me. In disgust, deciding that I could not make a difference in District 189, I sat down and wrote my District Superintendent a letter asking to be transferred to another church.

My friend Jack Adams, who I played golf with regularly, was moving from St. Paul Church, East Alton, having had trouble with some members of his congregation over his strong stance on race and having marched in Martin Luther King Jr.'s funeral procession. To my amazement, they appointed me to that church and sent Jack to Carmi where he only lasted a short time. How they figured that I would mollify the situation, I never could

understand. Later. one of my friends said that Jack Travelstead had told the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee Chairman that I was there sort of on trial. It was the only church I ever served that had a "church boss" to whom everyone submitted to. Even the women's group would not make a decision until they cleared it with "Tom." He had been a particularly close friend of Jack's and he and I never got along. I lasted there two years.

Milton Hart, pastor at one of the Alton Methodist Churches and Judson Souers, pastor at Godfrey First, planned a Human Relation Workshop to try to resolve some of the particularly troubling problems going on in the East St. Louis District. We thought that the District Superintendent would be there, but he was not. The attendance was disappointing and to fill in for some of those who could not attend, Judson had asked two of the active young women in his church to attend the meeting which they did on short notice. This was the meeting where I first met Karen.

After my ministry at St. Paul, I was appointed to First United Methodist Church, Eldorado. I was there for two years and then Bishop Webb decided I had to leave that appointment. Mark had been in three high schools and I did not like the results. Dan was on the basketball squad and the following year they were rated #1 in the State all year long. Jane Ann was in the only school in the area that had a full women's sport program. While in Eldorado, she earned 17 varsity letters which is still a school record. I told the Bishop that he could move me out of First Church, but he could not move me out of Eldorado until my kids were out of high school.

DECADE OF THE '70s
STRUGGLES

Like John McCain [Republican presidential candidate in 2008], I confess that my greatest moral failure was the divorce from my first wife. I tell everybody that I picked her out when I was 17 because I thought she would be the perfect preacher's wife; and if I had turned out to be the perfect preacher we might still be married. We grew apart beginning with my mother having to come live with us. Anna Lee was never abusive in any way. She was very reserved and couldn't accept help in her house, and as a result my mother felt unwelcome. She also did not agree with the type of ministry I felt I was called to in East St. Louis. She did not want me to run for the school board. I felt that was one of my greatest accomplishments – leading the vote against 18 other candidates in that troubled city.

I had been a full member of the conference for 23 years. I asked for a sabbatical leave for 1973. The conference powers tried to prevent it, but the conference granted it. That year I worked at all kinds of things including teaching GED for the young men at the Job Corp Center at Golconda.

The cabinet finally appointed me to the New Burnside Charge which included Reynoldsburg and Taylor. My great grandparents were buried at Taylor Cemetery, along with my mother's baby sister who died as an infant and my great Uncle Lafayette Nipper

who lived to be 96. When 90 he was the oldest merchant in Johnson County still running a General Store. We moved to New Burnside in 1976.

The DS asked us in my fifth year there to take Vienna First Church. We moved there and were divorced that year. It was painful and embarrassing for me to be put on trial after my divorce and serve a sentence of suspension for over two years.

In June 1983 I was appointed to Bunker Hill, Ill. This was the first church where Karen was my partner in ministry. We had seven years in Bunker Hill. During this time, I adopted Karen's two children, Kevin Dean and Karmen Way. At the ages of 21 and 18 respectively, they were very excited and happy to join the Evers Clan.

During the second year of my pastorate, the mayor of Bunker Hill, Norman Smith, a member of my church, came to me and asked if I would serve out the term of an Alderman who was resigning. I agreed and the city council approved his appointment. I served out two years and then ran for re-election and was elected by a vote of 100 to 116. I had been on the Board of the Public Library previously.

Jim Wade, a member of our church, who was on the City Council with me, was Kevin's art teacher at the high school. He heard through the grape-vine that art was going to be a half-time subject. I had introduced him to Red Bird Mission School, a part of the Red Bird Missionary Conference of The United Methodist Church serving the Cumberland mountain people in southeastern Kentucky. Jim had been intending for several months to call Red Bird and find out about teaching prospects. He finally called and asked if they would need an art teacher and the Superintendent said, "Would you believe that our art teacher resigned this morning?" Jim and his wife went down to Red Bird – they liked them and hired them. (They were also hired as dorm parents for the boy's dorm.)

HOW MANY TIMES CAN YOU RETIRE?

The Wades had exacted a promise from me when I was helping them load their moving van that we would come down and visit. We did so in October before I retired in June 1990. I applied for a job teaching Social Science but never heard from the Superintendent. In April 1990 I asked Jim to find out where my application was. He hunted it up and the school principal was very non-committal. Karen and I had a van and trailer and had planned to be on the road after my retirement.

On Sunday night before I was to retire on Thursday, the Superintendent of Red Bird Missionary Conference called and asked if I would be interested in being the pastor of the Beverly United Methodist Church. I said that I had not intended to take an every Sunday responsibility. He said Beverly was different, would I come and interview. I said I have to clean up this house, store furniture and do other things and could not come down to Beverly until June 15. He said that would be alright. When I went down in June I informed him that Karen and I were going on a vacation to Nova Scotia and I would not be there until Aug. 1. He accepted all my conditions and I was appointed to Beverly as

of Aug. 1, 1990. We served for seven years and met many wonderful people. Karen was the Administrative Secretary for the Conference Office for six of those years. Joe served as the interim Red Bird Mission Director for seven months and was also the Chairman of the Board at Henderson Settlement for two years. We retired from Red Bird in 1997.

We spent three winters in Florida after having our furniture moved to a rental home in Jacksonville, Ill., where our daughter Karmen lives. We got the house sight unseen – just by Karmen telling us about the home. It was a great two story home and fit our bill.

In Florida, I worked at several different places and jobs for three winters. We did not go to Florida the fourth year because Karen had to have a serious operation for cancer. While she was recuperating, the Presbyterian Assistant Executive asked me to serve as a pulpit supply for churches in need of supply pastors. The first church I was asked to go to on Oct. 29, 2000, was First Presbyterian Church, Virginia, Ill. They liked me well enough after only one Sunday to sign me up as the Interim Pastor on the next Saturday. I served there for 22 months until they got a new pastor. The Executive wanted me to go as a Stated Pastor to Aledo Presbyterian Church in Aledo. Karen and I went to look at Aledo, but was not impressed. It would have been 100 miles farther from all of our children and although a nice little county seat town, we were not interested.

Ellington Presbyterian Church in Quincy was looking for an Interim Pastor. The chairman of the Committee on Ministry asked me to interview. Karen and I came to Quincy, never having been there in the daylight, got all of the material from the Chamber of Commerce, looked over the city, and liked what we saw. We came for the interview and the Session liked my answers and agreed that I would be their interim.

In the meantime, I had looked at the Book of Order and discovered what a "Stated Pastor" was. A Stated Pastor is simply an approved pastor hired on a yearly contract. I asked the Executive if I could be a Stated Pastor at Aledo, why could I not be a Stated Pastor at Ellington. After a period of

LUTHER L. EVERS' youngest son, Joe, age 80, and oldest son, Paul, age 98, get together with their nephew Jody Bryant in 2006 at Bradenton, Fla.

discernment, he agreed that I could be a Stated Pastor at Ellington.

We have had seven contracts with Ellington's very wonderful people. My hope is to retire at Ellington on Oct. 1, 2009, after 65 years of pastoral ministry. And then, who knows where God will call us next. He will have to find us on the road as Karen and I love to travel.

Bio of Joseph Calvin Carr Evers

1944 Graduated from Metropolis Community High School – 5th in class of 53.
Matriculated Southern Illinois Normal University, Carbondale, IL.
Appointed to Harrisburg Circuit.

1945 Appointed to Eddyville, IL charge.

1947 Moriah-Lone Oak charge.

1948 Graduated – B.A. – Southern Illinois University (1st. class at uni. status)
Married August 25 – Anna Lee Armstrong.
Entered Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, KY – September.
Appointed to Kent Circuit, Southern Indiana Conference.

1950 Graduated from Asbury. Appointed to Mill Shoals, IL.

1953 Appointed to Maplewood, Malden, Mass., New England Conference.
A son, Mark Hasting, born, September 8.

1954 Began my studies at Boston University.

1955 Accepted as Ph.D. Candidate at Boston University.
A son, Dan Wesley, born on July 4.

1956 Attended General Conference, Methodist Church, Minneapolis, MN. (This is the conference where it was voted that women could be admitted to Annual Conference membership.

1957 Completed residence work on Ph.D. Appointed to Clay City.

1958 A daughter, Jane Ann, born on March 19.

1960 Appointed to Epworth, Belleville. Attended General Conference in Denver.

1962 Earned Ph.D. in Church History from Boston University.

1963 Elected to General Conference.

1964 Delegate to General Conference. Was extended a contract to teach church history at Ashland Theological Seminary, Ashland, OH. Turned it down. Dissertation book published (The History of Southern Illinois onference, the Methodist Church by Parthenon Press.)

1965 Appointed to St. Paul, East St. Louis, IL.

1966 Attended General Conference in Chicago. Was on an exchange to the High Street Methodist Church, Lowestoft, England.

Attended the World Methodist Conference in London.

1968 Led a field of 19 candidates, elected to Board of Education, District 189, East St. Louis, IL. Was a delegate to the uniting conference of The United Methodist Church, Dallas, TX.

1969 Appointed to St. Paul, East Alton. IL.

1970 Delegate to General Conference in St. Louis, MO.

1971 Appointed to Eldorado, IL First Church.

1972 Sabbatical Leave.
American History teacher, Southeastern Illinois Community College.

1974 Teacher at Golconda Job Corp Center. Appointed to New Burnside charge.

1978 Appointed to Vienna, First United Methodist.

1979 Divorced. Married Karen Way Sanner Draper. Dec. 21.

1980 – 1983 Substitute Junior High/High School teacher.

1983 Appointed to Bunker Hill United Methodist Church.

1985 Appointed to complete a term as Alderman, Village of Bunker Hill, IL.

1988 Re-elected as Alderman. Certified as Emergency Medical Technician.

1990 Retired from Southern Illinois Conference, The United Methodist Church. Vacation to Nova Scotia, Newfoundland. Appointed to Beverly UMC, Red Bird Missionary Conference, KY and began preaching in August.

1993 Drove 12,000 miles to visit Canada and Alaska with Bill and Joy Beuoy.

1995 Visited sister, Harriett, in Pedro Juan Caballero, Paraguay, South America with wife and son Dan.

1997 Retired from Red Bird Missionary Conference.

1998 Moved to Jacksonville, IL. Winters of 97-98, 98-99, 99-2000 lived and worked in Ft. Myers, FL

2000-2001 Substitute teacher in Jacksonville area.

2001-2002 Interim Presbyterian pastor, First Church, Virginia, IL

2003-2009 Stated Pastor at Ellington Memorial Presbyterian Church, Quincy, IL

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The Dolls

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Mary Jim Shelton Parker of Chandler, Texas, contributed much of the following in 2008 on her mother, Frances Evers Shelton. Frances and her sisters became very close after their mother, Ethel Bayless Evers, the first wife of Luther L. Evers, died during childbirth in 1922 in Metropolis.)

By Mary Jim Shelton Parker

My mother [Frances] loved to tell this story. One morning her father Luther told her she would be spending the day with her grandmother. Later in the day he would pick her up and she would have a birthday present waiting when she got home. All day she thought about a sack of candy and as the day wore on the

sack got bigger with more and more candy in (her mind). That's what they would most often get for their birthday. Finally he came to pick her up and take her home. When they arrived he told her to go up to her Mama's room and she would have her present there. It was there alright, a new baby girl, "just" another baby and no candy! That baby was Vivienne May (Evers). She was born Feb. 11, 1916. Needless to say that was not what she was expecting, the candy would have been much more exciting."

As they grew into adulthood, Vivienne would try as often as she could to come home so she and Francis could be together on their birthdays.

Frances was a long-time elementary school teacher at country schools southwest of Metropolis. One of her former students, Charles "Buck" Kennedy of Gunnison, Colo., recently said, "Frances was one of the best teachers I ever had." Living near each other, Buck and Frances had to walk the same road to Mount Mission School, so they often would wind up walking together and talking about life before getting to their one-room school house. "Walking with your teacher was a little embarrassing at first, but I soon learned what a quality person she was, and I enjoyed those walks very much," said Buck, whose father Nellis was a brother to James Paul Evers' wife, Florence Kennedy Evers. Paul of course was Frances' older brother.

When Frances and Calvin decided to get married they had a big

Frances Evers Shelton was the elementary school teacher of "Buck" Kennedy, pictured here with his wife Mary at their 1800s restored log cabin in Gunnison, Colo. Buck said he enjoyed walking to Mount Mission School with Frances, who lived nearby.

problem. She was teaching in the Metropolis school district, and a married woman was not allowed to teach at that time. So they decided to elope and get married. She would stay in Metropolis during the week and go to her in-laws in the country on the weekends. They went to Vienna, Ill., and were married on Dec. 31, 1931.

One day about a year and half later, her father (Luther) called her into his office and said the city superintendent had called him and told him Frances was married. Was it true? That was the hardest 'yes sir' she ever had to say to him.

She worked for the state a couple of years and then began teaching in the country schools. Then, she taught in Joppa for several years and then into the Metropolis schools. She loved teaching, and she would send home papers of the children's school work and pictures during their grade school years.

Frances' younger sister Helen came to Metropolis from Florida in 1949 with her son Freddy, who was about a year old, to spend the summer with her Evers family. She stayed with Frances and her husband, Calvin Shelton. Helen's husband Augie had gone back east to his home state to look for work.

The one thing I remember the most was she had a record of a song she liked and ask me if I had a way to play it and could I write the words down for her. So for the greater part of a day I would wind up the old record player, write fast and do it over and over until I had all the words. She was so pleased with it. She rewrote the words and mailed it to Augie. It was just the way she felt about Augie. When she loved you it was with all her heart. The song was, "How Do I Love You, Let Me Count The Ways".

Stelsa, Helen and Vivienne.

Frances loved sewing for Vivi. So for Augie and Freddy, Vivi, Jimmy, and Keith, the song would have said it well for all of them. It seems there has not been time for everything. Now that I am thinking on things I have so many stories to tell, and have to decide what to say in short time. Some of the things need not to be said and some things are way too long, but I will tell you this. I probably was the lucky one to

be in all the different things and etc. I got to know all of them so well and heard so many things, some made you cry and some made you laugh. The stories cover their whole families and their children. I had a very personal relationship with the sisters. They were always so grateful to Mother because as soon as she went to work she would buy or loan them clothes. I guess best put, she was the big sister and tried to watch out for them. The brothers were her babies and she thought so much of their wives and children.

She and Daddy loved it when the kids would come out to the country and stay or just for a short visit. Mother never felt like she had what the others did because she lived in the country on a farm that didn't farm. She loved her teaching and I could write a book on that, hard times and good.

One of the nicest things said to me when Mother died was by one of her students of years ago, who said she and some the other kids would always be grateful to her for teaching them to want to read books. She would read a chapter to the class everyday. Every two weeks she would go to the library and get a bunch of books to bring back to school so the kids would have books to read.

When she was teaching the third grade in Metropolis, one of her boys simply could not read so she decided something would have to be found to teach him. She cut out letters of very fine sandpaperl and would guide his fingers over them until he knew each one and he started reading. At the end of the school year he could read and really passed to the fourth grade. To thank her he stopped at a yard sale on the way to school and bought her a pair of white high heel shoes. He was so proud of them and they only cost him a quarter. You know they fit her perfect and she wore them for a long time.

EVELYN DIED in her 20s, and the Evers sisters gave special attention to her son George Lewis Meyer, who was raised by the Sox Smith family.

When I was in the second grade she was teaching at a country school and I remember being pulled along in the snow....cold. We had no car and Dad was working out of town... (but) that's a story for another day.

Frances' sister Stelsa was the center of the gathering spot for when you went to visit. Sometimes all the brothers and sisters would be there, or at least the ones who lived around close. Those were such good times. It was always fun to listen to them tell their stories of childhood and who did what. Of course all the stories were different because each had their version of it, but the end usually came out the same and they had a good time together.

If you had a medical question she [Stelsa was a nurse] would listen; a personal problem, or whatever. Her door was always open and she made you feel so welcome. When Evelyn (Luther's oldest child) and John Meyer were married they sat up housekeeping in the country close to where the Shelton family lived. When Frances would go to visit her sister, it seems Calvin

THE DRAWING at the beginning of this chapter was a special 99th birthday gift to James Paul Evers in 2007 from grandson Jim Wiedeman. It was based upon the 1922 photo of Paul's sisters, Helen, Vivienne, and Stelsa. Also pictured (back left) is their cousin Kathleen West. Included in the 1960s photo on top here are Harriett, Stelsa, Paul, Vivienne, and Frances.

would just happen to stop by. Of course Evelyn would invite him when she knew Frances would be there sometimes.

Evelyn was a soft, gentle person and liked by everyone who came to know her, and was so loved by all of her family. Many years after she died I was told by a lady who lived close to them that when Evelyn died the whole neighborhood cried, because everyone loved her so much. To me that said a lot about her.

I always wished I had known her better. Years later I did get to meet her son George Lewis. He was a good-looking young man and very nice. He stayed with his aunt and uncle during the funeral days. Sox and Cora Smith, who ran the bus station for many years in Metropolis. Cora said that George took his first steps the day of the funeral of his mother.his Mother.

"Dad (Calvin) told the story of when his father bought a new car, and it had no top. He told the boys they could drive it into Metropolis since it was the 4th of July. It turned cold and started snowing and they had to go back home and get their coats. Guess that would have maybe been in the teens. I never knew if I should believe him or not. I ran across it though in the [Yesterday's News] old, old news in the Metropolis paper. He told the truth. It did turn cold and snow on the 4th of July. [The children of James Paul Evers, Frances' brother, had also wondered about whether or not it was true when he told them that he recalled it snowing once on a 4th of July in Metropolis.]

COUSINS Mary Jim Shelton Parker, Georgia Evers Blue, and Sue Evers Sumner

William Evers

John Alexander Evers

James A. L. Evers

Luther L. Evers

Stelsa Ethel Evers Bryant (1913-1994)

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A Family History... of Sort

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This title, "A family History... of Sort" was what Stelsa Ethel Evers Bryant, daughter of Luther L. Evers, called her 1970s writings, She was well known for her quick wit and sometimes biting humor. We thank her children, Jody and Barbara, for sharing it with us.)

By Stelsa Ethel Evers Bryant

I was born July 31, 1913, in Hillerman precinct, Massac County, Ill. Our farm was about a mile west of "Gab Town". I was the 6th child of Luther LaFayette Evers and Mary Ethel Bayless Evers.

I haven't decided if I was just a dumb kid, or if I was too wrapped up in my own little world, to be observant. This is what I remember of that time.

The farmhouse was on a crossroad where the Grand Chain, Karnak routes met. The house was white with a porch across the front that continued around on the west side. There was a big barn across the road.

There was a garden by the side of the yard on the east, near the kitchen door. Rolland and I once jumped on the cornstalks and rode them to the ground. It was cold; the moon was shining, and such fun.

Another thing I remember from the farm years was being at Aunt Cynthia's house and

crying for Mama. I must have been about three, since Vivienne was there and just a baby. Aunt Cynthia gave Vivienne a bottle and she went to sleep. I kept on crying. Aunt Cynthia held me. Cousin Hollie brought out some of his toys to distract me. The toys were nice, especially the pair of clowns that rode up and down a pole when you gave them a push. After a push or two, I went back to crying for Mama. I don't know if anyone got any sleep that night.

The next morning Aunt Cynthia had Hollie take me home. I rode in front of him on his horse. On the way home I went to sleep and lost the sack of ginger cookies she had given me to take to my brothers and sisters.

When I went in, an Aunt was taking biscuits out of the oven, and all the kids hugged me. It was so good to be HOME! I have never been really home sick again.

Looking back, I realize it must have been when Mama was in the hospital. Sending Vivienne and me to Aunt Cynthia was a logical way to care for us. But I didn't understand why I was away from home. I have never quite gotten over guilt feelings for all the squalling, or for losing the cookies.

Mama kept geese. One day when I was playing in the yard, the gander took out after me. I started running around the house, screaming for Mama at every step. The gander was pecking me on the head at every step, too. Mama came out on the porch, and then went back in the house. I kept running and screaming, feeling abandoned. The gander kept pecking. After

Brothers and Sisters

(1) Evelyn Marie: B. l Aug. 23, 1906, D. Nov. 19, 1929. Married John Meyer. Two children: Robert James, who died in infancy, and George Lewis.

(2) James Paul: B. Jan 6, 1908. Married Florence Kennedy. Four Children: Georgia Ann; Charles, who died at age 3; Janice and Byron.

(3) Inez Pauline. B. Jan 6, 1908, D. July 22, 1908.

(4) Mary Frances: B. Feb. 11, 1909. Married Calvin Shelton. One child: Mary Jim.

(5) Daniel Albert Rolland: B. June 7, 1911. Married Mariam Walters. Three children: Cynthia Sue; Ann Elizabeth, and Daniel Rolland.

(6) Stelsa Ethel: B. [July 31, 1913. Married Joe Bryant. Two children: Joe B. and Barbara.]

(7) Vivienne May. B. Feb. 11, 1916. Married Robert Bundy. Divorced. Married Hy Deitch. No children.

(8) Helen Ann: B. Sept. 22, 1918. D. March 21, 1971. Married Carl Foss. No children. Divorced. Married Augie DeVita. Five children: Freddy; Vivi Frances; James and Keith. Ann, the first child, died at birth.

Mother [Ethel] died Aug. 14, 1922. Father [Luther] married Nellie Trovillion.

(9) Luther Trevelyn: B. June 25, 1924. Married Helen. Four children: Luther Robert; Katrina; James Paul, and Stelsa.

(10) Joseph Calvin Carr: B, Dec 17, 1926. Married Anna Lee Armstrong. Three children: Mark; Daniel and Jane Ann.

(11) Harriett Hester: B. Sept 25,1928. Married Jesse 0. Weaver. Five children: Sharon; Leni; Joseph; Frank; and Mary Nellie.

an eternity (probably 2 or 3 circles of the house) Mama came and rescued me. Now I remember that there was a baby in her arms. She had to go put her down. But that didn't make me feel better at the time.

On Sundays, after church, the whole family sometimes had dinner together. I remember the times at Grandpa Bayless' especially. All the aunts would be inside cooking. The men all sat around talking, and we children were sent outside to play.

There was a big long table in the dining room, and it would be loaded with food. In the serving pantry between the dining room and kitchen, more food would be waiting to replenish the table. It always smelled so good.

The men were called to eat first. They ate and talked. When they were through, the women sat down to eat. Only after they were finished, were the children called in. Sometimes we were so hungry it was hard to wait our turn. Then we would stand under the dining room window, listening to see if every one was about through so we could eat. By the time we sat down the chicken was mostly wings.

Grandpa Bayless had palsy but he was still HEAD OF THE HOUSE. Grandma was a good second in command. When she said something everyone stopped and listened. She had PRESENCE.

Uncles Ray, Mark and Harlie lived at Grandpa's and worked the farm. Aunt Nora, her son Coleman, Aunts Oma and Lucy, and Cousin Kathleen, whose mother was dead, also lived there.

When the men came in from the fields for dinner, they always stretched out on the living room floor after eating. Then, after a short rest, they would go back to the fields and work until sundown.

The aunts took care of the house and did the cooking. When they rested in the afternoon, they did a lot of crocheting, mostly tops for camisoles. But if the phone rang, everyone made a dash to get there first to listen in

Bayless Aunts & Uncles

(1) Myrtle.

(2) Arnold: Married Etta Peck. Two Children: Effie (One of Joe's high school teachers) and Royal (ran away at 16). Went out west and changed his name to Smith.

(3) Eva: Died at 3.

(4) Mary Ethel: Married Luther L. Evers.

(5) Louis: Killed by horse at 16.

(6) William: Died of appendicitis at 14.

(7) Nora: Married Asa Essex. Two children: Coleman and Homer(?).

(8) Anna: Married Louis West. One child: Kathleen.

(9) Rollie: Married Cecelia Irene (Reenie) Weece. Three children: Omar (?) Lois and Russel.

(10) Grace: Married Ray Wood. Two children: Overton and Mary Christine.

(11) Ray: Married Gertrude Stull. One child stillborn.

(12) Mark: Married Letha Shelton. No Children.

(13) Lucy: Married Jake Knupp. Three children: Robert. Jacob and Charles.

(14) Harlie: Married Cina Stubblefield. Two children: Louis and Paul.

on the party line. That was the way you kept up on the neighborhood news. Apparently it was an accepted custom. If it was really private business, you just told everyone else to hang up

Kathleen was from July 2nd to July 31st older than I. Since we were so near the same age, we were paired off a lot. She was always reminding me that she was the oldest, so she was the one to make decisions on everything. I didn't believe that! However, I usually let her have her way. It was easier than fussing.

Besides, the aunts and uncles who lived at Grandpa's house, there were others who came occasionally. Grandpa and Grandma Bayless had a big family, fourteen children in all. These [names listed in the box] are not all in the right order. Uncle Ray was older than Uncle Rollie, according to Papa's papers, but I just got a letter from Aunt Grace and she has a different order, According to her, she came after Uncle Mark, and Aunt Lucy was younger than Uncle Harlie.

It is interesting and sad, that while there were several Bayless grandsons, there are no great grandchildren who have that name. Russell, Louis, and Paul had daughters. Royal had one son, but his name was Smith.

When I was small, I thought Grandpa's house was huge, almost a PALACE. It was only when I took Ginny and the children down one day that I realized it was just a big two-story, not really remarkable at all, except that it had been ordered pre-cut from Sears Roebuck, very unusual in those days. Besides the serving pantry, I have already mentioned, there was a small room upstairs on the northeast corner called a bathroom. There was nothing in it, but no one else's house had one.

There was also a huge mirror in the living room. It filled the space between two windows on the east side. There was a base with a shelf, a round column on each side, and a tall, carved piece on top, all shiny oak. When you stood across the room, you could see yourself from head to toe. Marvelous!

About the only thing I remember of Uncle Arnold and Aunt Etta was the excitement when Royal ran away. Joe said Effie was a good teacher. He liked her.

Aunt Nora lived in Chicago at one time. Mama went to visit her. She took Vivienne and Helen with her. When they got home, Vivienne kept telling me about all the wonderful things. One that she mentioned was people in the street were selling fresh vegetables, and you tied a rope to a basket and let it down from a window. You didn't have to go out in a garden to get them. She talked and talked. And I began to wish she would shut up. I hadn't gotten to go. I hadn't seen any of those wonderful things. I just didn't want to hear about it anymore. Pea-Green Stelsa.

Aunt Nora and Coleman came to live at Grandpa's. Coleman was between Vivienne and Helen in age. He was the cleanest child I ever saw. Always wore white rompers. They had a round collar and button on pants. He wasn't allowed to get a spot on him.

I was always sort of grubby; most of the others were too. I couldn't see how he could ever have any fun. There was no way you could play without getting a little hot and sweaty. All I remember about Uncle Rollie and Aunt Reenie from those days was the time their son fell in a cornfield and stuck a stob in his eye. Lois was only a year younger than Kathleen and I, but she wasn't around much.

Aunt Grace lived in Cairo. We went there to visit one time.

Aunt Oma never married. She took care of Kathleen after Aunt Anna died, and Kathleen came to live at Grandpa's. Grandpa's house set on a rise up a lane off of the main road. Below the house and on each side of the lane were wheat fields. At harvesting time, Kathleen and I would go out behind the thrasher and try to catch the rabbits that were scared out of their burrows. Once in awhile we were successful.

When Uncle Ray and Uncle Mark bought Ford Runabouts from Mr. Dixon in Metropolis, they had them delivered to the farm. Then they took them out in the wheat field and practiced driving. When they decided they could keep them in the road, they took off. There were no driver's tests back in those days.

On a Saturday night they would come in from the fields early, get cleaned up, and then take off for town. First Uncle Ray, then Uncle Mark, and Uncle Harlie followed on his motorcycle. It didn't seem fair that he didn't have a car too. But, maybe he really liked the cycle. I can't remember anyone else who had one at that time.

Papa came from a big family too, but not quite so many as Mama's. I will list them, and then tell you what I remember of them.

1) Johnny: Drowned in the Ohio River about a week before Papa was born.

2) Albert Warren: Married (?) One daughter: Eunice.

3) James Oliver: Married Lucy Miller. Nine children: Flossie, Flora, Leo, John, Orpha, Virgil, and Russell.

4) Cynthia Carolyn: Married August Lippert. Three children: Hollie, Claude and Agnes.

5) Luther LaFayette.

6) Harriet Hester: Married Richard Ferguson. Six children: Darrel, Beatrice, James, Laura Ann, and the twins, Lyle and Lallan,

7) Hubert Huffman: Married Clara Whitelock. Two children: Cynthia and Hester. Divorced, Went to Chicago. Married Frances. Three Children.

Uncle Albert and Eunice lived with Grandma Evers. Eunice was the oldest of the grandchildren. She had red hair and a terrible temper. I mostly tried to stay out of her way. Uncle Albert was funny. No matter what we were having for dinner, he would pass the platter and invite me to have a piece of squirrel.

Aunt Cynthia, I dearly loved. She always seemed so happy to see us when we came. I didn't even mind that she kissed me. I hated it when the other aunts did. In fact, I used

to hang back in the hopes that they would get tired of it before they got to me. Once in a while it worked. She and Uncle Gus lived on a farm. They had a big two-story house. The up-stairs hadn't been completed. Some of the bedrooms were done, but when you went up to bed, there were great open spaces. A little scary.

There were a lot of tall trees around their yard. The yard was bare, and Aunt Cynthia swept it every day. But, she didn't mind if Beatrice and I drew a playhouse with sticks in it.

She worked in her garden, raised chickens and [got eggs from the] hens. Once in awhile we would be sent to Art Morehead's store with eggs to exchange for groceries she needed. She cooked the most delicious meals. She was about five-feet four-inches tall, and almost as big around, but she seemed about perfect to me.

I was really surprised the one time I can remember [of] her scolding me. Uncle Gus had been teasing. I was tired of it, so I called him an Old Towhead. He was always calling me a little Towhead. But she let me know that I was not to talk to him like that. Must have been my tone of voice.

Uncle Gus was nice too. He never seemed to loose patience. He would put us up on the horses to ride in from the fields. When he did the milking, he would suddenly squirt milk at us to see if we were quick enough to catch it in our mouth. I didn't like the taste, but it was a fun game.

Hollie was older, but was nice to me. Claude ignored me. And I always seemed to get in Agnes's way.

We weren't around Uncle Jim and his family very much that I can remember. There was one time that we were there and there were tables on the lawn with white cloths and lots of food. Probably Flossie's wedding. They moved to Centralia, so we didn't see them often.

Mama and Aunt Lucy were double cousins.

Aunt Hattie married Dick Ferguson against the advice of her father and brothers. They told her that he was a railroading man... She loved him and was sure he would change. She seemed to think it was someone else's fault [later for some of their difficulties].

We visited them once while they were living in Salem. I was really impressed. She had this powder that you put in water and it tasted just like lemonade. This was long before the invention of Cool Aid.

Eventually Uncle Dick was "bumped" down to Cypress, a great comedown for them. But it did make it easier for Beatrice and me to visit. We got along together. We learned to stay out of Aunt Hattie's way when we saw her looking, at the "wish-books" (Sears Roebuck, or Wards). She would be angry because she couldn't order the things she wanted. When she quit looking, the first person she met was in for trouble.

Actually I liked Uncle Dick better than I did Aunt Hattie. He was smaller than the other

men. He made jokes and never got after us. And he was the only person I knew who had bought a Doris touring car. It was really long, and had jump seats you could tuck down, and then you didn't have to sit on anyone's lap.

Darrel was a tease. He would get Beatrice to laughing so hard she would wet in her pants. Then she would be uncomfortable or in trouble. Beatrice was a year younger than I, but we got along well together. Aunt Cynthia usually had us down at the same time. We would draw "play houses" in the yard, improvise dishes and food with what ever was at hand. When we tired of that, we would go play in the barn, or follow Uncle Gus.

James was quiet. He liked to wander in the fields, and he drove Aunt Hattie wild by eating wild onions. He was small and had dark eyes like his father.

Laura Ann was a whiner. The twins, Lyle and Lallan, were so much younger that they didn't make any impression [to me].

The only time I remember playing with Uncle Hubert's girls, we were up at Uncle Albert's. He put Cynthia and me up on a horse's back. She was in front but kept scooting back until I didn't have any place to go but down. I didn't like her. Hester just stood around with her thumb in her mouth watching.

When Uncle Hubert got a divorce it was a scandal. Nothing was said in front of the children, but by a process of osmosis, I got the impression that everyone felt sorry for Aunt Clara and was upset with Uncle Hubert. Then after a while there was the impression that they had decided that maybe it wasn't all his fault.

Aunt Clare and the girls went to Jacksonville. Uncle Hubert moved to Chicago. The only time he came down after that was if there was a funeral. He never did bring the second family. And, I never saw Aunt Clara or the girls again.

So that is the FAMILY as I remember it.

Papa was elected Massac County Superintendent of Schools for the first time in 1918. We moved to Metropolis in December of that year.

Before we moved, he bought a Ford touring car. When he came driving it home, all of us children ran along beside it, trying to keep up with it, and shouting with excitement.

When we moved to town I rode all the way sitting on Paul's lap. Evelyn held Rolland, and Frances had Vivienne. Mama and Papa and the baby [Helen] were up front. It was cold, so the side curtains were buttoned on. They were canvas like the top, but they had small glass windows, so you could look through and watch the country fly by.

We moved into a bungalow at 6th and Butler Street.

GROWING UP IN METROPOLIS

It was 1918, the year of the flue epidemic. I have no recollection of it, except one morning that Vivienne and I were standing at a cabinet eating our breakfast. We never did that before. Besides we were the only ones there. Then someone came and put us back in bed.

I have been told that Mama and Helen almost died. The whole family was sick, including Papa. But, since the whole community was sick it was almost impossible to hire help. So, Papa stayed up and took care of us. Eventually some of the relatives came and helped, but Papa was the one who carried us through. One of the stories I have been told is about one woman he hired to help out. She put potatoes on to fry one night, then went out back to the privy, and never did come back.

Later, when Papa developed Parkinson's syndrome, the doctors said it was the result of the flue, and because he had not stayed in bed as he should have. We all survived and summer came.

I played with a boy up the block, Carlton Starks. He and his mother were living with his grandmother because his father was in the Navy. That didn't mean anything to me, but he was a nice friend. We started school together in the basement of the Christian Church. Clark School was being built, but wasn't quite ready.

My first teacher was Miss Nell Elliot. She was a very nice person. All the children loved her. The first day she held up a card and asked if any one knew what was on it? A girl named Bernice waved her hand, and said it was an A. I was amazed. How did she know that? I didn't.

I am still a little incredulous about the fact that I didn't know my ABCs before I started to school. With four older brothers and sisters, and a father who thought an education was the most important thing you could give a child, why hadn't anyone tried to teach me? How come I hadn't picked up some of it by just being around? I still don't understand it.

"Miss Nell" was really nice. One day my feet were wet, so she held me on her lap with my feet to the radiator until my stockings were dry. We still lived on Butler Street, so my second year in school was at Clark. "Miss Anna" Borlis was the teacher. She was nice, too.

Papa bought the house at 9th and Ferry. It was big with a hall, living room, and parlor behind a sliding door, one bedroom, a BATHROOM, dining room and kitchen down stairs. In the hall, a curving stairway with a most slide-able banister, led to the up stairs. Up stairs were three bedrooms. Paul and Rolland shared one, and Evelyn and Frances had one. The one I shared with Vivienne and Helen had two beds in it. There was a porch that ran across the front, down the south side, then across the back, and between the house and a summer kitchen. It had a whole corner, and there was a barn out back on the alley, where Papa kept a cow.

There was a lot of yard. Mama and Papa didn't like for us to be away much, so our yard was usually full of kids. It was a happy time.

I started the third grade at "Old Central" Then Kathleen came to town to go to school. There wasn't room for her at old Central, so I was transferred to Clark so we could go together. There were no buses in those day; we walked. Miss Gertie Stull was our teacher.

One day I was tired of it all. I told Miss Gertie I was sick. She let me leave school. Instead of going home, I stopped at Mrs. West's house. She lived by us on Butler Street. She gave me cookies and milk, and then I went to sleep on her couch. The next thing I knew Papa was there to get me. And I was in BIG TROUBLE. Did Mrs. West call him? Or, did Kathleen tell on me? I was too scared to ask. I knew I had done the wrong thing and deserved to be punished.

Papa still had the farm. When he went down on weekends to see about things, Kathleen and I would go too. Then we would walk the rest of the way to Grandpa's house. Papa would come get us the next day.

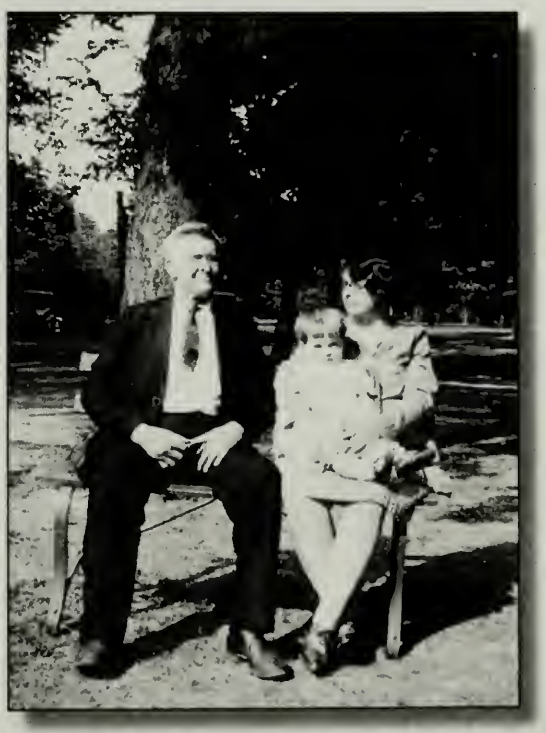
Some of the things I remember about those times are of Mama on the side porch calling me in. There were nasturtiums by the steps. Paul was on the back porch turning the ice cream freezer, with me sitting on it to hold it steady.

At Christmas, Vivienne and I got rocking chairs. Her's was red, mine was a little larger, and was oak. Mama sat on Papa's lap. He was sitting in his rocker, so we all rocked together. Was it that Christmas, or another, when Papa hung a big stalk of bananas in the door way between the living room and the parlor? Any time you wanted to, you could go and get one. Bananas have always smelled like Christmas to me.

One day Papa took Frances, Vivienne, Helen and me over to Aunt Quinn's to spend the day. She was the widow of his Uncle John [former Massac County Sheriff John W. Evers], and had a son called Jett. We had lunch then played in the yard. Late In the afternoon, Papa came after us. He said something to Frances. She started crying. I didn't know why. We went home.

Mama wasn't there.

The next day Mrs. Park up the



Albert Evers, the son of JALE, sits with his daughter Eunice, who married John Meyer of Grand Chain. She is holding her son Warren .

street took us younger children for a picnic lunch with her boys. First time I remember having a wiener roast. When we got home, Mama was there lying in a box-like thing in the parlor. There were flowers all around. The odor was so strong it made me sick. I haven't liked the scent of carnations since.

After that, Evelyn and Frances took care of us. Cousin Agnes came to stay with us and go to high school. Vivienne and I both had long curls. Every morning Evelyn combed Vivienne's hair and Agnes did mine. And every morning it was the same thing. She combed, I cried because she pulled. One day she handed the comb to me and told me to get the tangles out myself. I cried then too. I had to prove that it really did hurt. One of the happiest days of my life was the one when Papa took me to the barbershop and those curls were cut off. Never mind that the neighbors and the teachers thought it was a shame. I liked not having curls to be combed.

Since Mama wasn't there to be called Ethel any more, I thought I would start using that part of my name, but no one would co-operate. Everyone kept on calling me Stelsa.

Christmas was coming. Paul told me there wasn't a Santa Claus. I didn't believe him. Of course there was. The night before Christmas, Papa let us all go to see a moving picture show. It was at the Cozy Theater on Third Street and Jackie Coogan was in it. He drove a bathtub around like a car and kept bumping into things. It was funny. I laughed and laughed. It was the first time I had ever seen a moving picture. When we came home, our presents were in piles on chairs. There was a card on each pile to tell whose it was. There wasn't any tree. So, I knew that Paul must be right after all.

That year I went to school at New Central. It had just been built. It was a "progressive" school. That meant that students stayed in their assigned rooms, but different teachers taught different subjects. None of the teachers made much of an impression.

The only name I can recall is Mr. Haley, the principal. He had our room for a study period. I remember him because of the day that one of the older boys made a racket by accidentally knocking his ruler of his desk, Mr. Haley told him to stand up for the rest of the period. Someone else made a noise, and he also had to stand. Then there was another, and another, and another, until about half of the room was up. I decided that I'd like to join them, so deliberately pushed my ruler off. Unfortunately Papa heard about it. He didn't think it was as funny as I did. I was in trouble again.

Helen was too young to go to school. She stayed down at Grandma Bayless most of the time. Papa would take Vivienne and me down on weekends. In those days there wasn't any refrigeration. There were iceboxes, but they were only used in the summer time. In the winter the house was heated by stoves, and food was left on the table between meals. There was a cloth to cover every thing. One day that winter, Vivienne came home from school first. She found the dining room floor on fire by the side of the stove. A cap left to dry on top had fallen off and started it. She grabbed a pitcher of buttermilk from the table and put

the fire out. She was a heroine. I wished I had been the one to save our house.

Mr. and Mrs. Davidson, who lived across the street from us on 9th Street, boarded teachers. That was where Miss Gertie stayed. One day a new teacher was there. Miss Nellie Trouvillion. She taught at Clark school with Miss Gertie. One day, the next summer, Frances told me that Papa was going to get married again. I didn't know what she was talking about, but if Papa was going to do it, it was all right. Anything he did was right.

Miss Nellie came to live with us. Helen didn't stay down at Grandma's anymore. She started school at Clark riding with Miss Nellie.

After that we didn't go down to Grandpa Bayless' so much. Kathleen didn't stay with us any more either. It must have been a gradual thing. I can't remember it happening. We didn't see the uncles and aunts, except for Uncle Ray. He and Miss Gertie were going together.

We did still go down to Lower Salem or Lower Anderson churches on alternate Decoration Days. There would be a basket dinner, more food than all the people could eat, and lots of singing. Strange ladies were patting me on the head and saying that I looked like my mother. But, Papa would always say that Vivienne was more like Ethel.

The years passed. It was mostly school and playing with all the neighborhood children, and visiting Aunt Cynthia in the summer time. And reading. I read and read.

Mostly I liked school. One thing I particularly liked was the dollar that Papa would give you if you made the Honor Roll. I tried to make sure I made good grades so I could get a dollar. I could spend it as I pleased. The firestone I got was taken to Mr. Liggett's store and every bit spent for candy. I really got a lecture on the value of money.

Some of the teachers were good, some not, but they were TEACHERS so it didn't matter how you felt about them. In the 5th grade it was Miss Radie Dunn, who had a twin named Sadie. When she got mad, she threw things. One of the big boys made her mad one day. She threw her book at him. He ducked and the book flew out the window. She made him go out and pick it up. Sixth grade was Miss Carrie Granthan. She was musical and played the organ at our church. Seventh grade was Mrs. Wentzel. As long as you did your homework and kept quiet in class everything was all right. Eighth grade I had Mrs. Brainard.

She was Miss Carrie's older sister and must have been about ready to retire. She was gray-haired and very strict. Everyone tried not to make her mad. One day when one of the big boys made her angry, she slapped him. He fell out of his seat. He was at the end of the row, so she trotted around the seat, picked him up by his collar, sat him down hard, then slapped him on the other cheek. He fell out on the other side. She repeated the performance. So did he. By that time all the rest of us knew he was doing it on purpose. It went on until the bell rang. Everyone else was almost choking, trying not to laugh.

There used to be a lot of 15-year-old boys in the 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th just waiting for

their 16th birthday so they could quit school. No social promotions back then.

When we moved to 9th and Ferry, the yard ran clear back to the alley, and was usually full of kids playing. Papa didn't like for us to be gone much, but other children were welcome at our house. There were the Park boys from up on Metropolis Street, and the Dunn girls who lived across from them, and The Crain boys on the corner across 9th from us. J. Paul and Helen May Neal were from down in the middle of the next block on Ferry Street. Lois Evelyn Dixon and Earnestine Cox were from up on Market Street. Others came too, but not as frequently. The place was usually swarming with kids.

It was after L.T. was born that Papa sold the corner lot to Harry McGee, the farm adviser. The big catalpa tree that stood at the curve of the front and side porch was cut down. And, Mr. McGee built the white house that still stands on the corner.

Then we moved across the street to the "Henny" house. It was a two story, too, but not as nice. The Pansing family moved into our big house. Joe and Harriett were born there. At the time I had no idea of what was going on. Children were not taken into family conferences. Adults made decisions and children lived with them.

It is only by things I overheard, and by putting bits and pieces together that I finally begun to understand why it happened. It was about this time that Uncle Jim and his family moved to Centralia. Some said he had used Papa's name on a bank loan to help finance his campaign to run for sheriff. When he couldn't pay it, Papa felt he had to protect the Evers name. Uncle Jim would have paid him back, but he fell from a truck, received a skull fracture and died. The debt was all Papa's. The farm went, then the corner lot, and finally the house.

Papa had been re-elected each time, and his pay was good for that time. But, we lived mostly on white beans and potatoes, side pork or bacon, with either cornbread or biscuits. Cheap but filling. No one came to our house at mealtime who wasn't invited to eat with us. If they were colored, we kids still addressed them as Mister or Mrs.

From the first grade on, every child had chores to do. The girls started out with drying dishes, then you graduated to washing, then to sweeping and dusting. In high school you cooked. When I first started washing dishes I can remember having to stand on a box to reach the sink. Back in those years, country schools taught 1st, 3rd, 5th, and 7th one year, and the next it was 2nd, 4th, 6th, and 8th. Though Paul was a year older than Frances they went through school together [due to the system]. There was no minimum age.

Rolland started school in the country. He had pneumonia and couldn't finish. That put him a year behind. In the 4th grade he passed but just barely. Papa wasn't satisfied, and made him do it again. That is how I caught up with him. We finished grade school and high school together. Paul and Frances graduated from high school the year that Rolland and I did from grade school. Papa was proud of all of us. Frances went to Murray, Ky., to learn to be a teacher. She had home economics as one class, and made the most beautiful clothes.

The year I was a freshman, she let me borrow one of them to wear in the Booster Club play. At that time there was no speech class. Every fall the Booster Club put on a play. Any one in school could try out. I always did, and I always got a bit part. In the spring there were the junior and senior plays. The juniors did theirs to pay for the junior-senior prom. The seniors' was to pay for a gift to leave the school. It was the same thing with them. I would tryout, and get a bit part. But that was all right, it was better than nothing.

The year I was a freshman we moved to the house on North Avenue across from the cemetery. Evelyn was married. Paul had started at University of Illinois. But what with not wanting to go in the first place, and working his way through, he hadn't done well and quit and went to Detroit to get a job. I can still see Miss Nell crying when that letter came.

Since Rolland and I were now the oldest at home, it was his job to get up, start the fires, and then do outside chores. I got up and cooked breakfast. We didn't have electricity out there yet. We had a coal range. I made a quart of buttermilk biscuits every morning. When I ironed it was with irons heated on the range.

We walked into school. Papa left before we did. It was too far to us to walk home for lunch, so we ate at Meschers [corner store], across the street from school; either a sandwich or in

LOVELY LADIES – Frances, Vivienne, Helen, and Stelsa.

cold weather, a bowl of soup or chili, and a drink; 15 cents. Most of the country kids ate there. No school cafeteria. When Vivienne got into high school she used to get put-out with me at noon. She thought I talked too smart to boys too much. It wasn't Lady-like.

I guess I had my fair share of admirers, though I was never one of the most popular girls. How can you be when you have to check everything out with Papa first? Rather than say yes, then having to say no later, I just said no to start with.

The first one was a buddy of Rolland's. He started pitching notes to me when he thought no one would notice. That led to me telling Miss Nell I was going to the library, but meeting him at the [picture] show. I don't know if I really got away with that, or if Papa just didn't get after me. One boy's dad always let him have the car for our dates. That is how I learned to drive. Virgil would let me practice. Our dates consisted of the show on Saturday night and Epworth League on Sunday. Papa had it figured out that if the show was over at 9, we would have time to go, for a coke, and then be back home by 9:30. That was my curfew. On Sundays we would go for a drive, but always make Epworth League before benediction. But one day Willie Mescher told Papa that it was good that I came every Sunday, but that it would be better if I started earlier so I wouldn't always be late. That romance broke up when he started waiting for another girl to walk home with after school. Was it because she was nicer, or because her parents weren't as strict as Papa?

There were some boys that all the girls wanted dates with. One Sunday night after church one of them asked if he could take me home. Papa said yes. I was thrilled that he had asked me. He drove out on a country road and parked, then suggested we get in the back seat. That seemed like a dumb idea to me so I said no. He took me home and never asked me out again. It took me several years to figure that one out. I was a dumb kid.

All at once I was a senior. I had to decide what I was going to do with the rest of my life. I liked to draw, so I briefly considered art, but Papa wouldn't, understand or approve of that. Impractical. Besides, I didn't know how to go about doing it. Being a nurse was the only other thing I wanted to do. I definitely didn't want to be a teacher, even if I had been named after one. All the nurses I knew had trained at state hospitals, including Cousin Agnes. You made an application, then your state representative recommended you, and you were in. It didn't work that way for me.

Miss Baker, the public health nurse, who worked out of the office across the hall from Papa, told him I wasn't big enough. All the nurses she trained with were about her size; five-feet-eight, and probably about 180 pounds. She was right; none of the state hospitals accepted me.

But, Aunt Cynthia brought in an advertisement from the Prairie Farmer of the Illinois Masonic Hospital in Chicago. She brought it in to us. Bless her. I applied and was accepted, but couldn't enter until January.

Papa had me take the examination for a state scholarship that was given to seniors. I had

won one. It was good for any state supported school for teaching home ec, or agriculture, none of which interested me. I knew I was going to have to work to help put myself through school. I didn't mind that, but thought it would be better to work where everyone else did too.

Since I couldn't enter nursing until January, Papa was going to have me go to school on the scholarship. No lying around the house doing nothing. I didn't want to be a teacher! I didn't want to go to University of Illinois. Paul hadn't liked it. I didn't know how I could escape it.

By great good luck, one of the girls who had been accepted at I.M.H. for the September class, dropped out. I received a telegram Sept. 22nd to report on Sept. 27th, adding that I could order uniforms after I arrived. There was a lot of hurrying around to get me ready.

My bus left at 9 p.m. Papa took me down to wait for it. He told me he had tried for 18 years to teach me right from wrong, and that if I didn't know it by then, I never would. He kissed me goodbye and I got on the bus. I have often thought this was inadequate advice for a naive 18-year-old going out into the world on her own. Lately, I have decided he was right. Parents have only a short time to teach and instill their ideals in children. After that, they are the ones who determine how their life will go. Parents and friends can be supportive, but each person is responsible for his own life.

Uncle Hubert met my bus at Harvey. He took me to his house to spend the rest of the night. The next day he drove me on into Chicago to the hospital. He made sure that I was in the right place and that they were expecting me. Then, he left.

When Papa put me on the bus and kissed me goodbye, I felt completely grown up, and that I was capable of managing my life. Doubts began to creep in when we drove into the city. A week there cured me of that idea.

First I was measured for my uniforms, and then taken on a tour of the hospital. Finally I was shown to the room I would share with another girl. My roommate was Laura Cummins, and her home was at Belknap. She was as large as I was small, but we got along well together. She was a second year student and helped me a lot.

The probationers were given a week of classroom instruction. Then we were assigned to different floors.

All students had to be in Chapel at 6:30 a.m. The only exception was if you had a morning half-day off or was working nights. Roll was called, a prayer said, and a hymn sung. Then we hurried to the dining room for breakfast. I had to be on the floor by 7 a.m. for report.

Our day was from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., with three hours off. The time off was scheduled so you could attend your classes. Then there was a half-day off during the week and a half-day off on Sunday.

My first assignment was men's medical. I learned a lot of things in a hurry. One was

that it wasn't only people who lived on Brick-Bat Row in Metropolis, or people like them who had "social diseases". One would be a cute boy admitted. When I'd check his chart for diagnosis, too frequently it was lues [serious infectious disease, particularly syphilis] or V.D. To say I was shocked is an understatement.

The floor supervisor was Miss Hibbs. She had been an Army nurse during World War I. While she didn't actually wear white gloves, she had that attitude. The students were responsible for the housekeeping, except for a mop man once a day. When she inspected your work, it had better be done right. Everything was spotless and exactly even. She wouldn't tolerate a bedspread even half an inch longer on one side of the bed.

One day it was almost time for us to go off duty. There was a discharge. I had the room to do. It was in the old wing. It had a dresser instead of a locker. The windows were long with ornamental woodwork. She made me do that room three times. When she checked the first time, she pulled the dresser out; I hadn't dusted the back. So, do it again. When she inspected the second time, she stood on a chair and felt along the top of the window. Do it again.

Among the many things I learned while I was a probationer was how to clean. How did she know that I had made plans for that evening, and really wanted to get off duty on time?

The first year was medical-surgical; four to six patients, bed baths for all. They weren't ambulating immediately after surgery in those days. Be in class by 10 a.m. Not too hard if you had private or semi-private rooms, but the six bed wards were tough.

The second year was the different services: Surgery – three months, B.B. – three months, six weeks in diet kitchen, E.R., pediatric, and x-ray. Also, assistant medical nurse, then medical nurse.

The senior year we did tours again. This time it was on a more responsible level. We were the med nurses instead of the assistants. We scrubbed instead of circulating. We were assistant charge nurse, and towards the last, charge nurse.

Medicine was simpler in those days. We did not have all the tests and sophisticated machines that are now available. No plastics, so no "throw-always". No anti-bionics. Surgery was responsible for preparing all fluids and tubes for administrating them. The only IV was a blood transfusion, and it was rare. Only in severe cases of dehydration were fluids given. They were administered by hypodermaclsis. The chest wall was usually the site chosen. Occasionally a proteolysis would be ordered. This was administered by a Murphy-Drip.

Our lab did the routine CBCs, FBSs and other chemistries. But, they weren't done by machines as they are now. Except for routine lab, they and others were not ordered routinely. Doctors depended on their knowledge, and to a certain extent, instinct. The lab was used to confirm a diagnosis, rather than rule out possibilities.

The med nurse did not give injections, except for hypos. She prepared the tray, and then followed the intern around while he did the IMs. When it came to kids, I would like to do that now.

No Demerol. M.S., and other narcotics came in tablet form. To prepare a hypo, water was boiled in a spoon held over an alcohol lamp. Then you dropped the tablets in. After it dissolved you drew the solution into the syringe. No disposable needles or syringes. You always checked your needle on the alcohol sponge to make sure it had a sharp point.

I managed to graduate in 1934 without being thrown out or quitting because I didn't like the way I was treated.

Those years weren't all grim. A lot of it was fun. Once I began to be able to find my way around, I began to like being there. I had more freedom than ever before. Some of the others moaned about having to be in every night at 10. For me, it was great to be able to stay out every night until 10. I didn't have much money, but so many things were free. And, there were so many things to do.

Stelsa discusses learning to become a nurse.

Tuition had been $75. That included uniforms. If we stayed the whole course, we would get the money back when we graduated. We were also paid $6 a month. It had been $12, but this was after the Great Depression started, so it had been cut. My tuition was paid for by the share I received from Mama's share of the Bayless estate after Grandma died. Room and board was provided, so I had

six whole dollars every month to use as I chose.

Some of the other girls were always writing home for toothpaste money, but I managed to get by with what I had. I had to. Of course things were much less expensive then. A pack of Marvel cigarettes was only 10 cents. But they were almost the same as Chesterfields, which cost 15 cents. One of the most becoming dresses was found on a bargain table for $2.

I went in training the last of September 1931. I didn't get home again until June of 1932. I had a week vacation and Papa sent me my bus ticket.

These were still the days of Prohibition. The orderly who worked men's medicals introduced us (always a group) to speak-easies, and burlesque. I was always nervous for fear something might happen and Papa would find out. How was I going to explain being there? I went anyways; it was something new and different.

Mary came in training in January of 1932. Her room was next to mine, and we had to share the same bathroom. We were friendly but not really intimate. We each had our own circle of friends. One day that summer, she asked me if I would like to double date with her and her boyfriend. Her brother had come to work in Chicago. She was looking for a date for him. I didn't have anything else planned, so I said okay. That is how I met Joe [Bryant]. This was still in the depression years. Work was scarce. Mary's current boyfriend was a foreman at the Jennings Mfg. Company (among other things, they made slot machines). He would give her brother a job, and he had just arrived.

Our first date did not really go well. I drank too many Slow Gin Fizzes, and threw up. But, that didn't discourage him. He called for another date. Later that summer when I took my vacation, Mary has having hers. We arranged it so that when I got to Mt. Carmel, I would get off the bus, then she and her friend and Joe would meet me. We would stay at her grandmother's in Princeton, Ind., that night, then drive back to Chicago the next day.

I knew Papa would disapprove, but I did it anyways. The bus driver was so upset by my getting off that he forgot to ask for my return ticket. Joe used it the next time he went home. We split the cost.

This probably proves that children have always been sneaky, and always trying to outwit their elders.

Joe and I continued to date, and became serious. Then Grandpa Mac found a job for him at the Indiana Tie Plant where he worked. Joe went back to Joppa.

He wrote often, but I had other dates. But Joe was still my main interest. Eventually he was my only interest. Then he started writing about getting bedroom suites, and things like that.

I wasn't ready to get married, settle down, and raise a family. I hadn't done anything on my own yet. Maybe I just wanted time to be me. I don't know. I wrote less frequently, and started dating more.

One of my friends was an airline mechanic. We would go out on my off day and go up in a Piper. He was friends with a dentist, who was taking flying lessons. Doc paid for the time. Then my friend went to Dayton to work. He wrote that the Miami Valley Hospital was advertising for nurses, why didn't I apply?

I had stayed at I.M.H. after graduating. Now I lived in the nurses' annex, and had my own key. No restrictions on coming and going. I liked that. I never came in by 10. Once in awhile, I only had time for a bath before going on duty.

It sounded interesting. I had never been any place except Metropolis and Chicago. Why not try some other place? I sent an application and was accepted. Dayton was a nice place. I made new friends there. One of the nicest was Mom Velzy. I used to go to her house every week or so to soak in a tub. The nurses' dorms only had showers.

My friend decided to go back to Chicago. I stayed on. I was enjoying it. Also, I had just acquired a new boyfriend. He was over 6-feet tall and older than any I had dated before. He drove me home for Christmas that year. Later, I had a letter from Papa saying that if I started going back to church, or to Eastern Star, I would meet a different kind of man.

That was the year of the big flood, 1937. I had been to Cincinnati several times with friends. The Ohio River there wasn't very impressive in my opinion. It was not nearly as large as it was at home [Metropolis].

Now the radio kept broadcasting reports of the flood. We drove down one day to see. It was almost past belief. Every day there were reports that it was getting worse. Then the news begun to say that it was worse in Southern Illinois and Western Kentucky. Paducah was mentioned as being one of the hardest hit. Helen and Carl had just been married and were living in Paducah.

I tried to call home. No phone calls accepted for that area. I tried to get news of the family through the Red Cross. No report from them. It was almost a month before I had any news of the family.

I had applied for reciprocity from Ohio when I went to Dayton. Now I received a notice that I needed more credits in pediatrics. Illinois had accepted my credits and I had passed state board. Why not Ohio? I didn't want to go back to school. I liked working and having money of my own. Besides, I couldn't afford to go. I had been spending everything I made, not saving anything.

The boyfriend Papa hadn't liked and I broke up. Dayton was not a fun place then. I began feeling lost. What was I doing there anyway? Finally I said the heck with it. I would go back to Chicago. Vivienne was there, and she was family.

I found work at a small private hospital. It paid more, but room and board wasn't furnished. Vivienne and I took an efficiency apartment together. We enjoyed being on our own in the big city.

When I was home in August that summer, Joe called. I was surprised. I hadn't let him

know I was coming down. We spent a good part of that week together. After I went back to Chicago, we started writing again.

One day towards the last of October, I came home from work to find Joe waiting for me. I hadn't expected him. He had come up for the weekend. Before he left, he proposed and I accepted. He had already bought a ring. That sure of me?

His proposal had consisted of: ":I love you. Marry me and let me take care of you." That was what he truly wanted and expected to do the rest of his life. He would decide there was something I needed or would like; he would "surprise" me with it. Our married life was full of surprises. The ring was just the first. We planned to marry the next July. That would give me time to save a little and to get things ready.

About the middle of November, he wrote that there would be a job opening at DeVelling's in Rosiclare. Jeannette Schmidt was quitting. Why didn't I apply?

I couldn't. Not fair to Vivienne. I had to give her time to decide what she would do when I wasn't there sharing the rent. That problem worked out. One of the girls at the shop would take my place.

I sent in my application and it was accepted. Dr. DeVelling knew I was only planning on staying about six months. I went there in December of 1937 and worked until June 30.

Working in Rosiclare was a brand new experience. The hospital was an old river mansion that had been converted. It was something like the Fisher hospital here, but larger and more pretentious. The DeVellings were originally from the south. Mrs. DeVelling had a southern accent, and almost every sentence ended with "Don't you know?". She didn't do any work herself; she supervised the hired girl. When you worked days you ate breakfast with the DeVellings. The girl would stand by the table and ask how you wanted your eggs cooked. The first day I was so flustered, I said scrambled. I didn't know that people in private homes did things like that.

Rosiclare was the first place I ever had a room completely to myself. I had become used to single beds, but there had always been a roommate. Seemed strange at first, but I liked it.

Joe would drive up on the weekends. Once in awhile, if I had a Saturday or Sunday off, he would have Brady Singler come to get me, and I would come home for the day. Joe would take me back that night.

Social security had just started. The straight eight-hour shift and three shifts had started before I went to Dayton, but it was still a 49-hour workweek. One day one week, two days the next. After the way it was in training, I thought it was just wonderful.

Joe and I were married the 15th of July, 1938.

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Because I have been hurrying to get this done, I have left out some things I should have included. No time to do it over: probably wouldn't do it anyways. Why did I just stand

looking out the window this winter instead of doing this then?

School and Papa seem to figure the most in my [life] story. That is probably because they were the most important part of it; at least in the first part.

Papa was very strict. His philosophy seemed to be as the twig is bent, the tree would grow. He intended to see that his children grew straight and strong. He was quick to punish if he thought it necessary. His punishment was usually the laying on of hands. When I was on the receiving, and I never felt that he was being abusive. I knew that he loved me. I was getting what I deserved. I had done something I shouldn't have.

He loved children. I truly believe he was as pleased when Harriett was born, as he must have been when Evelyn was. All the babies would get rides on his feet while he sang to them. Every one of us enjoyed hearing him sing to them. One of the favorite songs was "Old Dan Tucker".

He had a beautiful tenor voice and liked to sing. When he was growing up he and his brothers had formed the Evers Quartet.

He believed in EDUCATION, not only for his children, but also for all children. When we first moved to Metropolis, he was serving out the last year of Mr. Spence's term. He served four terms of his own. In the winter, when roads were impassable for cars, he would ride a horse down in the country so he wouldn't miss a scheduled visit to some school. I can remember the time and effort he put in to get a high school at New Columbia. A few farmers had cars, and their children drove in to high school, usually with children from several families. Some people boarded their children in town, but some couldn't do either. These children quit after the eighth grade.

Jody and Vivienne in 2000.

It was for these children he worked so hard. They had a right to an education no matter the parent's circumstances.

When we were growing up, I seemed to be the odd man out. Evelyn and Frances did things together. Paul and Rolland, being boys, had more freedom, and they didn't want a kid sister tagging along. I could have played with Vivienne and Helen more, but

mostly they wanted to play dolls. It wasn't my favorite past time, so I read.

As usual, in any family, we didn't always get along. If Vivienne got mad, she would bite. Helen would always get in the last lick. You might think the fight was over, but she would pop you one more time.

After Miss Nell and Papa were married, we didn't seem to fight among ourselves as much. We were too busy presenting a united front against her, I guess.

Miss Nell had taught school for years. She loved and understood children. I can see why she would seem a suitable choice for Papa. He needed someone to help raise that houseful of children. And, he was still a young man.

She was Papa's age, but had never been married. She had never really kept house. Her mother had done that. These children didn't go home at the end of the day. They were home. It was probably a nightmare for her. Then, too, she had three children of her own in quick succession [with Papa].

It wasn't easy for the children either. Things just were not the same.

It didn't help to make things easier that Papa didn't discuss things with us. His view that an adult was always truthful and right was not necessarily so. It also could have been a difference in the point of view. That was the one thing that I thought he did wrong. When I had children, I was going to discuss the reason I had made a certain decision.

Things weren't really too bad, though. That was until Grandma Trovillion came to live with us. The symptoms of Parkinson's syndrome started the year I was a freshman. First, it was that Papa's hand shook. Then his walk changed. Instead of stepping out, it was a shuffling. He went to the Mayo Clinic, but they couldn't help. One of them had Parkinson's too. It was progressive, so he lived with it. When Grandpa Trovillion died, she came to live with us. She would keep the house and take care of the children. Miss Nell would be able to do the driving and help Papa in the office.

This was just before my junior year in high school. I only had to live with her two years. It was worse for Vivienne, Helen, and Rolland. They were there after I had left for training.

It was September when I left for Chicago. I didn't get home again until the following June. Two weeks vacation, and then back to the hospital to work. We didn't have classes in the summer, though. That gave us three hours we could use for pleasure. In really hot weather, a group of us would go to the beach and swim in the lake. Belmont was the closest, so that is where we usually went. In addition to being permitted to stay out any evening until 10, we were also allowed one "late leave" a week. That night you could stay out until 12. The doors were locked at the dorm at 10. You had to go to the hospital lobby and wait for someone to come in. Then the night supervisor took you across to the dorm and unlocked the door for you. Saturday was usually chosen. No classes were on Sunday, and your half-day off was sometimes the morning.

Miss Greenwood's favorite punishment was taking away your late leave. Any slight infraction was enough to cause her to take it away.

She was the directress of nursing. Everyone thought she was just mean; she watched us so closely. She made us write a letter home every week. We had to turn them in to her at chapel on Monday morning. If you had a really interesting romance going, she seemed to know, because she would put you on night duty.

The nurses doing night duty had to sleep in a wing on the fifth floor. It was 7-7, with three hours off sometime during the night to sleep. During the day, you had to get up and go to classes. There was absolutely no time for socializing. The one good thing about it was that when you came off you had a whole weekend. With written permission from your parents, you could go someplace overnight Saturday.

One time, when Mary and I came off nights together, she asked if I would want to double date with her. She and her boyfriend were planning on doing the town. I agreed. I told Miss Greenwood I was going to Uncle Hubert's. He was the only one I had permission to stay with. We went to a show, and then dancing, drove around a lot. About 4 a.m. we were in a restaurant eating. One of the boys had had too much to drink and he got noisy. I was tired and ready to call it quits, but I couldn't go home until after 7 a.m. because the doors were locked. I had been uneasy anyway for fear Miss Greenwood and Papa would find out. No way could I give an acceptable reason for my actions, and I never did that again.

When I went to Chicago, prohibition had not been repealed yet. This was the day of Al Capone, and the other gangsters. One lady on the bus that night had asked what my parents were thinking of to let me go to such a wicked city?

Ed, the orderly, would take it upon himself to show the city to the probationers. He would take a group of us to a speakeasy. We would sit there sipping home brew (I couldn't stand the taste of "Bootleg"), and wondering if the place would be raided. I couldn't have explained being there, either, but that didn't bother me too much.

Ed was the one who introduced us to burlesque, too. The most interesting thing about that was you could smoke in the balcony, and that there were a lot of old men up there.

Sometimes on a Saturday night, a group of girls who didn't happen to have dates would go over to the Marigold Ballroom together. It was only a couple of blocks from the hospital and didn't cost much. Girls would sit in chairs along the wall. Boys would walk by, and when they saw a girl they liked, they would ask for the next dance. The girls could say yes or no, depending on whether she wanted to. There was no rough stuff allowed. It was understood that you went in a group and all came home together. That is where I really learned to dance.

That pretty well explains me. If I have left out anything you really want to know, just ask. The ego trip is over.

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Ch. 11

Surviving Sinking Ships During WWII

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following memories and conversations were written in 2009 by Dr. Joseph C. Evers, about younger brother of L.T. Evers, pictured above.)

By Dr. Joseph C. Evers

L.T. worked that summer after graduation for the Mississippi Valley Barge Line Company where Paul had been working for more than 15 years. He volunteered for the Navy to avoid being drafted into the Army and began his basic training at Great Lakes Naval Station in Chicago in November 1942. The barracks in which he lived were unheated and they had to shave and shower in cold water (in November). L.T. caught a bad cold. He had duty in the mess and he tied a handkerchief to his uniform sleeve so he could wipe his nose. The chief petty officer said, "Evers, go to sick bay – you're going to infect the whole company." While L.T. was gone there was some sort of roll call and when he returned from sick bay, there was a note for him to report to the Officer of the Day.

The OD said, "Where were you, Evers?" L.T. told him he had been in sick bay on orders from the chief petty officer of the mess. The O.D. said, "I'll check on it." L.T. took umbrage at this and shot back "If you expected me to lie to you sir, why did you ask me in the first place?" He replied "Calm down Evers, we expect everybody in the Navy to lie." To which

LT replied, "I think that is a hell of an attitude for an officer to take." This typifies how he got along in the Navy.

He was in the top four in his Company and the Navy assigned him to Mine Warfare School in Newport News, Va. He was very adept at all mechanical things and learned all about mines and torpedoes. He was assigned to a destroyer escort/mine sweeper and they went out on a shake-down cruise. Two escorts were sweeping in a pattern where the electrical lines were trailing 600 yards aft, staggered so that 300 yards of the cable overlapped. The Navy had experimented with many devices to coordinate the electrical charges for the detonation of enemy mines. They finally came up with a simple clock mechanism which malfunctioned on L.T.'s ship. There was a ratchet for winding the mechanism and a spring was broken. L.T. was watching those who were working on it and suggested they could fix it with a safety pin spring. They laughed him off and went back to port to get the mechanism repaired. You would have to know L.T.'s mind-set to understand how angered he was after all his training and his mechanical ability that he was taken so lightly. He made it a point to be present when the people back at port were repairing the mechanism and asked if his idea would have worked. They said yes. This did not endear him to his superiors.

Soon his ship went to the South Pacific and in one of the first engagements, his ship was sunk. L.T. was assigned to a gun crew shooting a 20 mm cannon. He sat with his back to a steel plate aiming the gun. All of his gun crew were killed and they put in a substitute crew. They were also all killed except L.T. His best buddy, Sullivan, caught a 20 mm Japanese shell in his middle and was blown in-two. He died in L.T.'s arms. When their least favorite officer came up and ordered LT to throw him overboard. L.T. told him to go to hell. The officer said, "Get out of the way and I'll do it." Where upon L.T. said, "Touch him and you're a dead man."

L.T. would probably have been court marshaled had not the officer been killed in the battle and the ship sunk. L.T. reported

L.T., Joe and Harriett

that of the 139 men and officers aboard the destroyer escort, only 25 survived.

He was returned to the States after his rescue and landed in San Diego. They gave him 10 days leave to go home and to get to New Port. Va., to board his new ship the new Hornet. They went on a shake-down cruise to the Caribbean and of the 3,600 men aboard, 600 of them went "over the hill." On his return to New Port he was given a week-end pass. He headed for home and stayed two weeks in Metropolis. He said he figured this was the last time he would see his father alive and that was more important than anything the Navy would have him do. We knew nothing about this until after his discharge.

The penalty for his A.W.O.L. adventure would not have been very severe if he had returned before the new Hornet had set out for the South Pacific. Since it was already gone, he was court marshaled and served 10 days in the brig on bread and water before he was sent to Boston and assigned to the new Wasp.

He always made good friends with men in the food service because he was always getting boxes from home with home-made jellies and jams. He shared this with them when they would bake some good home-made biscuits. He was assigned to a gun crew and served on the Wasp for the rest of the war.

In one of the battles in which the Wasp was engaged, a Japanese bomb pierced the flight

deck and the second deck and exploded in the third and fourth decks, killing over 100 men. L.T. was assigned to the crew that was recovering the bodies and he said he did fine until the last four or five were hauled out and he lost it. With tears running down his face he told me that those men were his buddies.

One of the stories he told me was that the Marines were part of a disciplinary detail assigned to the Wasp and were very hated. One night four of them disappeared, probably "fell overboard."

L.T. was chosen as a side-arms expert to go ashore with MacArthur but a typhoon blew the Wasp out to sea and folded the flight deck back like a piece of paper. So, he did not get to go ashore with MacArthur.

THE CHILDREN OF L.T. Evers and their ages at the time the picture (on top right) was made are Luther Robert (9), Tina (7), Paul (3), and baby Stelsa. In the larger photo (above, left) are Paul, who graduated from Air Force Academy, and his wife Laurie and daughters Ashley and Caroline. Following in the footsteps of his grandfather L.T. Evers is Bobby Price, who is pictured in his Navy uniform when he first joined 19 years ago. He was deployed earlier this year to Japan.

In 1945 after the war was ending and the Wasp was repaired, it was assigned to the duty of being a troop transport to bring back service people from Europe. L.T. made three trips on the Wasp for this duty.

L.T. was in the Navy for 38 months and ended up as a Seaman First Class.

One other note, when the Korean War started, L.T. and I were on a hunting trip and he said, "They will never get me back in the Navy." He said some very derogatory things about what he might have to do if he were drafted. But he was sure he would not ever be back in the Navy.

"Now I understand what they mean when they say 'WAR IS HELL,'" said Georgia Ann Blue, Paul's daughter about her uncle. She said everyone loved L.T. and appreciated his service to the country. "I can understand why my neighbor was an alcoholic and went to rehab multiple times but just could not talk about when he was in World War II. He, like LT, was a sweet man with a loving heart. I understand, and I care."

William Evers

John Alexander Evers

James A. L. Evers

Luther L. Evers

Harriett Hester Evers Weaver (1928-2005)

Ch. 12

Adventurous Harriett

By Leni Harriett Weaver Fernández

This poem was written by our dear mother, Harriett Evers Weaver in memory of her beloved life partner and soul mate, her husband and our beloved father, Jesse Oscar Weaver. I received a mandate today upon awakening, that the time has come to make public this, her work of love. I know not from whence came this mandate, probably not from Mother, because she, in her humble modesty, never wanted to self-exalt. I would rather think it was Daddy, or maybe actually God who felt it befitting that her writings appear together with those of her father.

Though I know she wrote a lot of poems, this is one that has not been lost. When I asked her once if I could publish it, she was too shy to allow me. When I asked her if I could someday, she did not say no. I believe it is befitting that it be included in this book, because it so aptly describes her perception of my father and of herself.

The poem is in Spanish, and I have, with the help of my sister Jessica, made a feeble attempt to reproduce the true meaning. I want both the Spanish and English version be included, because there are many in our family that understands Spanish. Something is

always lost in translations. Its inclusion will be a just tribute to Mother. With trembling hand and humble heart... and infinite love for you and Daddy. I will try Dear Mother to do justice in this translation. (Note: January is the hottest month in Paraguay.)

I wish I had some pictures of the trip (by car from U.S. to Paraguay). I hope that Frank can go through pictures at Mom's house to see if we can rescue some. The only one I think I may have is the picture we took just before we left Steele.

I also have a note that was found in a jewelry box. A true testimony of love. I will scan it today and send to all. The note was written by Mom on the 10th wedding anniversary, carried by Dad for the next ten years and then returned with his note; a romantic side of Dad we may have not been truly aware of.

Sharon, I thank you so much for giving it to me. I will keep it safe!

[After receiving her sisters' e-mail on the poem, Sharon, returned the following from South America.]

Dearest sisters - I was deeply touched by Mother's poem and your sensitive translation. When I catch myself nagging and "piddling" away my life with petty matters, I sometimes, by Grace no doubt, am to connect with that tremendous love shared by our parents... in this writing of Harriett's, I am able to see how Dad's intrepid nature and spontaneous enjoyment was a source of fun and daring for her. I remember once her telling me that one of the things that attracted her to Jesse, soon in their relationship, was his conversation skills. She didn't use that expression, but said something to the effect that most of the boys seemed to have nothing to talk about, and that Jesse was the first person who ever asked her opinion about world events, such as what was happening in China at that point (1947), etc.

Well, we were lucky to have had the parents that we did, and I am so glad that you are seeing to the details of having this poem included in the Evers volume.

I am so behind in reading my e-mail, that I am not aware of the details of this publication, scope, deadline for materials, etc.

One evening, when I was visiting in Chiriguelo, brother Frank read aloud

Nellie, Luther and Harriett.

some letters written in fountain pen by Luther Evers to Nellie Trouvillion. The letters were included in materials that Uncle Joe had given to Mom on one of her later trips to USA. I distinctly remember my surprise and delight with some of the expressions used by our grandfather, including "Nell - Girlie". I think the Evers would be interested in those texts. Perhaps Frank can look for this material among the things that he is taking care of. One of the topics discussed by Luther was that he and Nellie should not restrain their relationship because of people's gossip; that those very people in latter years would recognize the validity of their commitment and union. In another text, one of our aunts, I think perhaps Frances or Stelsa, wrote a Tribute to Nellie, their stepmother, lauding her exemplary life and dedication to their Dad.

Well, sisters, thank you for your translation. I am sending copies of this letter to the other siblings, but feel free to share with our Evers kinfolk if you like.

[Additional photos of Harriett's family are in the "Connecting Cousins" chapter.]

Amante

No te digo amante, porque me amabas a mí,
Aunque me amabas harta y fuertemente.
Te digo amante porque, más que nada, supiste amar.

A una noche de estrellas,
Al bosque tan ancho,
Al Gua'a monógamo,
Al ternerito blanco, temblando con el frío del ambiente nuevo,
A la cascada risueña,
A la hoguera flameante en noche de escarcha,
Al sol impiedoso de pleno enero...
A éstos y a más supiste amar.

Amabas a tus hijos, pero amabas también
al hijo más sucio del último peón.
Amabas a las viejas, comiendo con gusto, (a veces fingido)
Los platos ofrecidos con gusto a ti.

Amabas a la lluvia copiosa que caía
sobre esta tierra donde descansas.
Y la tierra. ¡Cómo amabas a esta tierra!
Amor mío, cómo amabas.

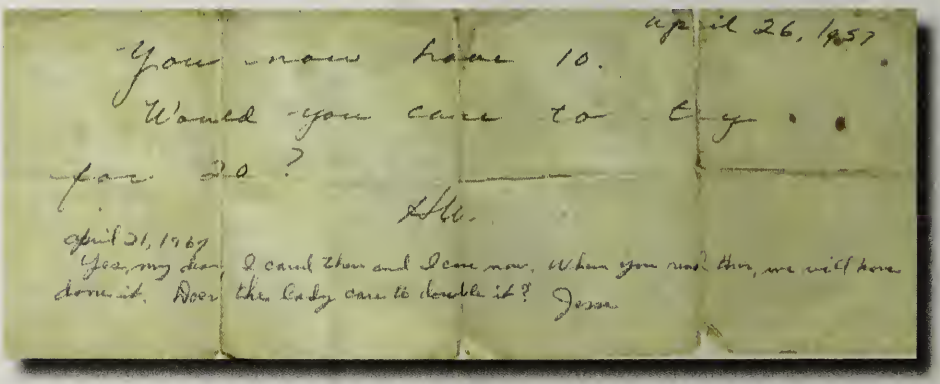
Lover

I do not call you Lover because you loved me,
Although you loved me full and strong
I call you lover because, above all, you knew how to love.

A night of stars
The forest so wide,
The monogamist macaw,
The little white calf, shivering in the cold of the new environment,
The laughing cascade,
The blazing hearth on a night of frost,
The impious sun in the middle of January...
These and more, you knew how to love.

You loved your children, but you also loved
the dirtiest little child of the lowest peon.
You loved the old women, eating with pleasure, (sometimes pretending)
The dishes they offered you with pleasure.

You loved the copious rain that fell
On this land where you rest.
And the land. How you loved this land!
My Love, how you loved.



William Evers

John Alexander Evers

James A. L. Evers

James Oliver Evers (1878-1926)

Ch. 13

A Family of Educators

By Barbara Evers Loughman Linder

Over the last several months, I have enjoyed reading about our extended Evers family. This opportunity has come at a time in my life when I can best appreciate and admire the lives, gifts and heritage of a wonderful family. Thank you for the opportunity to tell you something of me and my immediate family. I have two sons and they and their wives have blessed me with two grandsons. They are Midwesterners but I don't get to see them as often as I would like. Lance, Leslie and Terran Evers Loughman live in Algonquin, Ill. Chad, Amy, and James Terry Loughman live in Shawnee, Kan. You can see from my grandsons' names, my sons really loved their awesome Dad. Terry, and their grandfathers (Evers). Terry died in 1994, after a 28 month struggle with multiple myeloma. "He loved us well, we love him still."

Mom and Dad (Jimmie Jewel Evers) returned to Centralia in 1942, after Dad finished college at Eastern Illinois and had a few short-term teaching/coaching jobs around Southern Illinois. Dad had graduated from Centralia High School (CHS). Grandmother Lucy Miller Evers, wife of James Oliver Evers, and Aunt Orpha Evers Pumphrey were the only family remaining in Centralia at that time of his return. My two sisters, Patricia Eileen [1937-1982], and Nancy Ann (1946), and I were all raised in Centralia and graduated from the high school there.

Dad was one of those great teachers of that era, absolutely dedicated to the well-

being of the community and its youth. His cardiovascular health deteriorated in the '60s but he kept going until the other dreaded disease of our times, Alzheimer's disease, took him away from us and his life's mission in the late '70s and early '80s. He was much loved in Centralia and by his coaching colleagues all over Illinois. The football stadium/field in Centralia is named Evers Field after him and he was inducted into several Illinois coaches and athletic Halls of Fame. Mom and Dad had come to live with Terry, our boys and me in the early '80s while we were in one of the many places we lived during our marriage, Kalamazoo, Mich. Dad died in 1983 while he and Mom were visiting Nancy in Cincinnati.

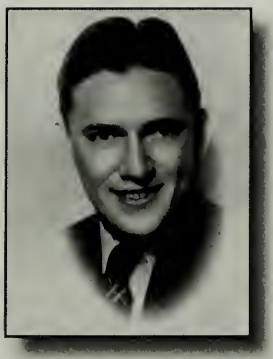
My mother, Ruth (Hoyer) Evers, wife of Jimmie J. Evers, passed away on Oct. 2, 2008. Mom was a homemaker, mother, and grandmother all her life except for a few years in the '60s, when she was a bookkeeper for the Centralia Water Dept. while Dad was on leave with cardiac issues. Talk to anyone who knew her and they will tell you she was a "master at her profession". She was pretty healthy all those years after Dad's passing and moved with Terry and I several times. The last move Mom and us made together was in 1998 to West Chester to be with Nancy. We had a lovely memorial and interment service for her on Oct. 6 in Centralia. Many family members from all over the Mid-west and friends of Mom and Dad as well as Centralia High School classmates of Nancy and me came to celebrate Mom's life. She was 89 and we were blessed to have her live in our home, a house my sister Nancy and I had built for all of us in 1998, in the Cincinnati area (West Chester, Ohio). Mom and Dad and our sister Patricia are all buried in Centralia at Hillcrest Memorial Park.

My wonderful sister Nancy, graduated from Centralia High School and then Illinois State, in Normal, Ill. She was called to the family profession of teaching. She taught for a few years in elementary school in Wisconsin and then pursued graduate degrees (MS and PhD) in education at University of Wisconsin in Madison. She came to University of Cincinnati in 1976 and has been on the faculty there every since. She has mentored a myriad of graduate student advisees through the Educational Leadership and Urban Education Programs at UC. She has been recognized by UC and the state of Ohio as an outstanding and motivating educator and an indefatigable administrator. One of her great gifts to her profession has been to advance educational methods and media into the 21st Century and in doing so reach hundreds of other educator-students all over the country. She definitely has not retired; but, when and if she ever does, I think there will be weeping and waling in the halls of the UC College of Education as well as many other departments of education and education focused institutions across the country.

Our sister Pat (Patricia Evers) O'Donnell, after high school in Centralia, graduated from Jewish Hospital School of Nursing in St. Louis. She was a nurse in Florissant, Mo., nearly her whole life. She married, had three children, was divorced, and raised her three children as a single parent until the time of her death in 1982, much too young. Her children Tim (Patrick Timothy), Jeff (Jeffery Lawrence) and Anne (Anne Marie) have been like our own (Nancy and I). Tim graduated from UM-St. Louis. He has been a CPA with Deloitte every since. He is now a partner in the Pittsburgh office with some regional responsibilities for quality/standards as well. He and his wife Joan (Vogel O'Donnell) have two lovely daughters, Kelsey Marie (15) and Courtney Ruth (11). Jeff, Pat's second boy (young man) and his wife Shana still live in Florissant. Jeff was a nationally recognized competitor and now instructor in martial arts. He and Shana have a daughter (Samantha Lynn, 21) and a son (Ian Michel, 16). Samantha is married and in nurses training, which she will finish this year (2009). Matt Kohler, her husband served our country in Iraq and we thank him as we do all the young men and women who have kept us safe. He is now home in Florissant with his young family. Samantha and Matt have a beautiful daughter Katelyn Patricia Kohler. She was born June 25, 2008. Anne Marie O'Donnell Ehrmann, Pat's youngest, lived with me for a few years after Pat's untimely death. Anne has four amazing children and they live in Portage, Mich. Patrick Joseph (P.J.), the oldest, is 16, an athlete, and very good student, as are all of Anne's children. Paige Cheyanne is 10, Jordan Lillian 7, and Carlos Eric 5.

I graduated from the University of Illinois in microbiology and chemistry in '62 and immediately went into pharmaceutical research and development at Miles Labs (now Bayer) in Elkhart, Ind. I met and married Terry Loughman in Elkhart in that same year. Lance was born in 1964 and I started back to graduate school a few years later. Our second son, Chad, was born in '70 and I received a Ph.D. in Immunology and Microbiology from Notre Dame in '72. Terry was a horseman. He drove and trained harness horses which, when we were young, meant Terry (and his equine friends) were relatively mobile and we could move for his pursuits and love of horses with the destination defined by my pursuit of a pharma research and development career. We moved to Maryland where I was with the National Institutes of Health (NIHHD-Gerontology) for a few years and then moved to Kalamazoo, St. Louis, Philadelphia, and Kansas City both of us picking up experience and know-how all along the way. Terry died while we were in Kansas in 1994.

An opportunity to be involved with a start-up company came at I time when I needed to immerse myself in something new after Terry's death Also my boys were grown-up and doing well so I leaped at the EncorePharma opportunity. It was all consuming but gratifying work for more than 10 years. We have attempted much in the way of pharmaceutical



Virgil David Evers

Flora Lucy Evers

Raymond Russel Evers

BROTHERS James O. and Luther L. Evers enjoyed this opportunity to get together in 1915 with their large families. According to information on the back of the photo they are Orpha Evers, Frances Evers, Orvill Miller, James Paul Evers, (second row) Jimmie Evers, James Oliver Evers, Lucy Miller Evers, Virgil Evers, Ruby Miller, Anna Laura Miller, Flossie Evers, Luther L. Evers, Rolland Evers, Ethel Bayless Evers, Stelsa Evers, Mr. and Mrs. Herald, (third row) Leo Evers, Lawrence Herald, Clara Evers, Evelyn Evers, Johnnie Evers, and Flora Evers.

THE CHILDREN of James Oliver Evers (top, left photo) include Orpha Humphrey of Centralia, Clara McIntosh of Anna, Jim of Centralia, Flossie McIntire of Grand Chain, and Flora Clancy of Thornton. Some of the children of Luther L. Evers' join then, along with their spouses, in the lower, left photo, (on floor) Stelsa Bryant of Metropolis, Vivienne Schulkin of Milwaukee, Wisc., (seated) James Paul of Metropolis, (standing) Joe of Quincy, and Rolland of Metropolis. James Oliver Evers' son Jimmy, pictured on the right, was a long time high school teacher and coach at Centralia, and had their stadium's football field named after him. In the photo below right are Orpha Evers (left) with Sue Caraker, and Clara Evers Caraker.

research and development. Some said too much for such a small operation. We were involved in discovery, clinical testing, and out-licensing of treatments for epithelial cancers and for neurodegenerative diseases. We did have some successes and recently after several of the principals of the company retired or moved on we decided to close the company on the positive side of the balance sheet.

Moving on means many things, for me it has brought great joy. At my 50th High School Class Reunion last year I saw and fell in love with a wonderful fellow, Rodney Linder. God's plan is truly astounding; it is true, when one door closes another opens. Rod had returned to Centralia in retirement to be with his elderly parents. Although Rod was not in my class in High School we were good friends, secret admirers, and Rod was one of my "Dad's boys" while we were in high school. He was (and is) an outstanding athlete. Rod decided to "crash" my class's reunion and I am so happy he did. We were married in Tucson, Ariz., on Jan.5, 2009, and are now living in Centralia. I have returned to my roots in Southern Illinois as Mrs. Rod Linder and love the idea of my children, grandchildren and someday great-grandchildren being able to know the traditions and beauty of life in Southern Illinois through their visits to see Rod and I in Centralia.

In closing, I hope there are many Evers grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren living well in these United States and especially in Southern Illinois.

THE BIG FIVE is the name these ladies (lower left) named themselves, and include Clara, Flora, Lucy, Flossie, and Orpha. Pictured in the top photo are Effie Bayless, Flossie May Evers, Grace Bayless, and Flora Lucy Evers.. In lower right, James Oliver Evers and wife Lucy are pictured with grandson James McIntire.

William Evers

John Alexander Evers

James A. L. Evers

Hubert Huffman Evers (1893-1963)

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Hubert WWI & Charles WWII

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Margie Steele said, "This is a letter to Chuck [her brother Charles Evers], who was in training to become a bomber pilot. It was a very hard time [1944] for Mom and Daddy as we 'kids' were all married and had children. It gives an idea as to his personality." Her father Hubert Evers had been in the signal corp during World War I and his son was preparing for World War II. Charles returned to finish his bachelor's degree at the University of Illinois after leaving a draft deferment to enlist in the Air Force. He was honored for his work with prisoners as Director of Project Reconciliation. We thank Margie for sharing the materials and photos with us.)

By Hubert H. Evers

August 25th, 1944

My Dear Son:

Birthdays are looked forward to by the young with pleasant anticipation, while by the older, with dread. But I'm sure there are none who have not looked forward to their 21st birthday with not only pleasant anticipation but a feeling of wonder at just what if any difference it will make in their own position in life, society

and government. It might be said that one is "over the hill" when he reaches his 21st year, but as to that permit we of the half century, that bit of pleasure – that WE have just reached the peak of our climb ness, disappointments, not too much play and enough of hard work to prove to yourself and all those who know you that you are of the right stuff, that you can take it. For your mother and me the past 21 years have been filled with pride and happiness because of you and your qualities, and for me there has been sadness because of my inability to be with you more in your childhood. We have often felt moments of anxiety about you, but never have we worried about your morals or conduct. There were times when your failure to remember to execute orders to the letter irritated us, only to be shown in more recent years that the reasons for those lapses were caused by an active mind regarding things other than the homely task of the moment.

Throughout these busy years the time your mother and I have given to your physical welfare are paying wonderful dividends not only because of our own efforts, but because

HUBERT EVERS is believed to be holding the umbrella in the middle of the boat with the oar, and according to the information that was on the edge of the picture, it was at Lake Eliza. Hubert's youngest daughter Marjorie said she believes the woman with him might have been his first wife Clara Whitelock.of Metropolis. Hubert and Clara had two children, Cynthia and Hester.

you have done your part to maintain your strong body and mind.

Many events will come to your mind as remits that at the time seemed of great importance. Actually they were too, but not in the way that you looked at them at that time. Many of those things that caused you no end of mental disturbance and disappointment at the moment or for a day really did something toward shaping your life, or the living of your life today. Those have been long years haven't they, way back when you were peddling magazines, etc.

I'm sure all those who know you will say without hesitation that you have spent those 21 years well. The next 21 will be the period in which things of large importance will transpire. The years in school ahead of you, the completion of those years and the launching of your life's work with its continued and limitless opportunity to learn. Your marriage! Ah, there will be the big, high spot in your life. That day can either make or break some men. To the one who enters it solemnly, sincerely and a clear mind, with a mate who is equally sincere and whose viewpoints are parallel with yours, marriage will be a blessing, tho by no means always smooth. I hope to live to witness that acrimony and many of the years beyond. I hope to be around to lend a hand when it is needed, noting the domestic portion

HUBERT EVERS is in his World War I uniform here as he enjoys an afternoon with his second wife Frances Kortez Evers. They had three children, Josephine, Charles, and Marjorie.

of the life but that it might run more smoothly.

Well these things and many more, have I looked forward to saying to you upon your 21st birthday and I'm thankful I have lived to do it. I'm more than sorry that you cannot be home with us, but we have tried to make it as pleasant for you as possible by way of the mail.

Little did I ever think years ago when I took you to the doctor and had your legs put in casts in order that you might not suffer the deformities of crooked legs due to your excess weight, that in the comparatively few years you would be flying through the air, master of the harnessed power around you, tilting, climbing, diving, rolling and dying with each change of your notion or as the requirements demand. Although you have done wonderfully well son, do not relax your vigilance an instant. All of the things for which you have worked to date are yet to be done and enjoyed and one moment of relaxation at the wrong time can ruin that or some of it. There is one thing that given your mother and me a lot of comfort of mind and that is our confidence in you to use good judgment in flying after you do learn how to do the things required to fly.

For all these things we are thankful, Charles, reverently thankful for you, as you are. Keep it up my boy, and your life will continue to be a blessing to the world.

All our love.

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Railroads to Window Shades to Drapes to Floors

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Frances Emma Henrietta Evers, whose maiden name was Kortz, was born Oct. 28, 1894, in St. Louis, Mo. Frances married Hubert Huffman Evers, the youngest son of James A. L. Evers, when World War I was ending. His daughter Marjorie, who lives in Dyer, Ind., wrote most of this in the early 1990s, and we are grateful for her sharing it and photographs with us.)

By Marjorie Ann Evers Steere

I find this [Evers] connection so exciting at this late stage of my life. My father, Hubert Evers, was a self made man. After serving in France during World War I, he worked as a telegrapher for the Illinois Central Railroad. He and my mother met in St Louis before he was discharged. They married and moved to Harvey, Ill., where he worked for the RR and started his business as a flooring contracter. As a matter of fact

he started it in 1929, just as the Depression started. His work on the RR kept the family going while the business developed. It was very successful.

Hubert H. Evers

Charles Kortz came to this country at the age of 18 from Germany. His family there was innkeepers in the Black Forest. He had a green coverlet used by the Kaiser who visited their inn. Others in his family, brothers I believe, were meat packers. These brothers at one time offered to sponsor a trip to Germany for the family, but the father would not hear of it, for he had cut all ties and association with the "Old Country" when he came here. He even objected to his grandchildren studying German in school, as they were Americans, and could have no need that he could see of being concerned with another language. He became a designer of chandeliers and other lighting fixtures, including those in the Missouri State Capitol building.

He married [mother Emma] the daughter of an older St. Louis family, named Fager, also German. Fager had been a fur trader with the Indians who brought their pelts to St. Louis. Charles and Emma Kortz had a son and daughter.

Their daughter was a very active person who enjoyed the friendship of a large group of girls in her youth, and who when she married and moved to Harvey in Illinois, established a great many friendships that lasted through her remaining life.

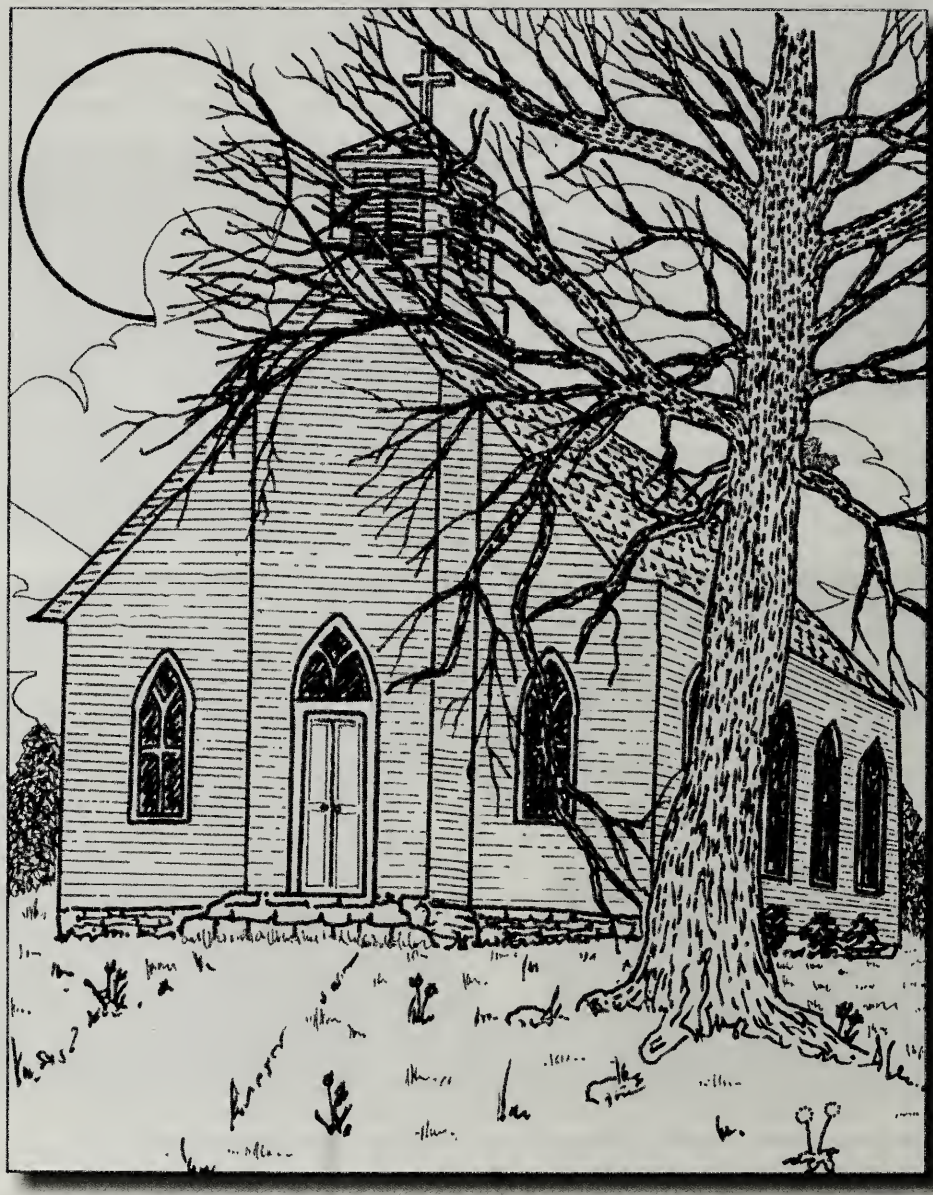
Frances Kortz met Hubert Evers when Evers was being mustered out of the Army after the close of World War I. On separation from the Service he returned to work for the Illinois Central Rail Road as a telegrapher and was assigned to Chicago. He arranged to buy a house in Harvey and returned to St. Louis to marry. They returned to Harvey in an epic snowstorm. On wading through the snow to the house, she found that he not only had bought a house, but also furnished it with furniture and all the equipment he thought she might need, including pots and pans. However, for lack of heat, pipes throughout the house were broken and the place was virtually uninhabitable.

For supplemental income during the early years, they had several schoolteachers and some men who were office workers in factories in town rooming and boarding with them. Frances did their washing and ironing as well for several years. While the income from working on the railroad was steady and offered considerable security, it was limited, a condition with which Hubert and Frances were not satisfied. Hubert sold window shades also for a while; going about town with a box of shades on his shoulder and a bag of tools in his other hand to make installations. One day someone asked him if he also did drapery work

and he said yes, he did. He got one drapery job after another, learning as he progressed. He'd buy the material, cut it out on a large table he built for the that purpose in the basement, and Frances would do the sewing, always frightened by the cost of the materials. Eventually he obtained the contract to furnish draperies for a grade school auditorium in a nearby town. He made the measurements, bought the enormous amount of material, cut it out in the basement, and Frances sewed it all together on her portable Singer. When he took it to install, she knew if he brought it back she'd die. He didn't bring it back. Those draperies were used over 20 years, but Hubert and Frances did not make another drapery.

In his later business activity she worked with him as bookkeeper and offered support in every feasible way.

MARJORIE EVERS STEELE is shown in the top photo with her husband Richard. Their two sons, Rick and Gary, are pictured in the lower photo with Richard holding Gary's son Brian.



Ch. 15

Lower Salem: On A Hill, Far Away...

By Byron L. Evers

When singing certain gospel hymns, such as *Amazing Grace*, *The Old Rugged Cross*, or *Will the Circle Be Unbroken*, we sometimes get a lump in our throats. Visitors to the Lower Salem Church Cemetery can almost hear such soft tunes to these and other religious favorites even though the third (and final) church building and piano disappeared half-a-century ago. Birds are still chirping in the tall oak trees, while rabbits and deer bound about, sometimes stopping to munch on the lush grass. If you pause long enough, you might even hear Luther L. Evers leading his Sunday school class in singing *Oh Happy Day*, or catch the last of a sermon by the Rev.

Volney Cicero Evers, who baptized Luther here in the 1800s. It is a beautiful, wooded hill in Southern Illinois, located on the west side of Massac County, about two or three miles from the Ohio River. Our oldest Evers ancestors were very dedicated to the Lower Salem Church's success in the 19th and 20th Centuries, and many of them made this their final resting place.

"I forget his name, but I can remember that each Memorial Day when I was a kid, there was an elderly man who would almost always show up there, and he had survived the Civil War," said Luther's youngest son, the Rev. Joseph C. Evers, in 2009. "Papa used to tell all of us kids to 'Go on over there and listen to what he has to say. Go on, he'll talk to you.'"

An article titled "Lower Salem Church History Recalled" appeared in the *Metropolis News* weekly newspaper on April 25, 1968. Much of the information written by Glenna Badgley came from the Methodist Conference Journals, the cemetery itself, and neighbors in the area, such as Mr. and Mrs. Perry Little. She mentions the Everses were among the people who were charter members or those who had an early great influence. The article points out that all three churches built on the location were "truly community projects" by those who loved their Lord.

The Salem name came from the last five letters of Jerusalem. Organized Methodism for Illinois started about 1803 when Benjamin Young was sent as a circuit preacher to the territory, before statehood. It is believed that the first Lower Salem Church building was constructed out of logs in 1859. That is around the same time that the sons of William Evers were crossing the Ohio River and moving from Kentucky into this western part of the county in anticipation of the coming War Between the States. People in the area near Boaz, Karnak, Grand Chain, and Hillerman had to completely rebuild the church in 1869 after the original one was destroyed by a tornado.

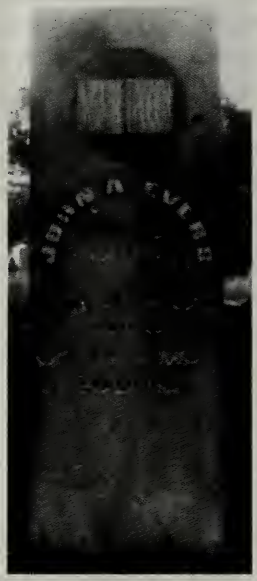
Records during the 1800s are still kept by Lower Salem Church caretakers. A century old notebook entrusted to them reveals that James A.L. Evers and other members of the Evers family were active with the church. One entry states that JALE drove a team

of horses into town to purchase fencing and posts to put around the cemetery behind (east) of the Lower Salem Church. The bark on a few of the older trees there have completely grown around, and trapped some heavy, very rusty barb wire that might have been originally nailed to them by JALE. At least that is what three of his great-great grandsons imagined when visiting there in 2007.

Grace Bayless Woods wrote an article in 1987 at the age of 85 for the *Metropolis News*, and a newsletter, saying, "Lower Salem Church was the center of most anything that happened in the community... Just over the hill to the west was Ark Store. It's gone now; this general store was owned and operated by Luther Morehead. This is where ice cream socials were held quite often... Epworth League was held on Sunday nights [and] was the real social part of the Church. Conducted largely by the young folks (however attended by all). Revival services were always an exciting time, too. The Church would always be crowded... Lots of singing, guests speakers and other entertainment – always with a big basket dinner. A time to see relatives, old friends and make new acquaintances!"

The Lower Salem Church congregation eventually outgrew the second building, so about 30 years later another church was moved to the location, and restored to accommodate them. However, like what has occurred with so many rural churches, declining attendance resulted in Lower Salem closing in 1965. Not long after that the decaying wood and a leaky roof forced caretakers to tear down the building so no one would be hurt if it collapsed.

The oldest tombstones remaining in the cemetery section are located at the very top of the hill on the southeast side. There are more than a dozen Evers graves, starting in the mid-1800s, including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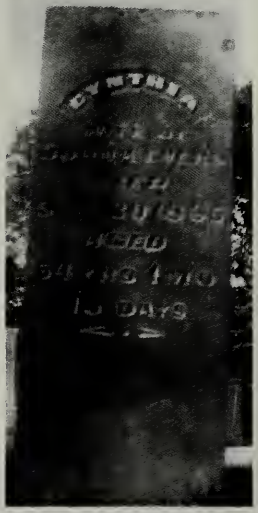
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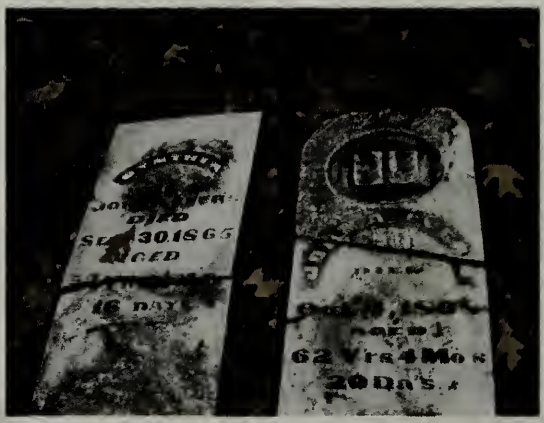
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John Alexander Evers and his wife Cynthia Brookshire Evers. We do not know if William Evers (born in 1770), who was John's father and our oldest known ancestor, is buried there. Based upon Luther's 1931 writings, William is most likely buried in Kentucky.

John and Cynthia Evers' tombstones were still standing upright in September 1961 when Florence Evers made two of the pictures (far left) accompanying this article. I recall many times each summer as a child helping my parents load up an old push mower into the trunk of our car to go and cut the grass, pull weeds, reset tombstones, and place flowers on the graves at Lower Salem, the old Kennedy Cemetery (near Interstate Highway 24) and the Masonic Cemetery in Metropolis. It would take the entire weekend, but back then, it was just accepted as something that we should do each Memorial Day out of respect for our ancestors.

Mother Nature eventually took a toll on everything, and by the new millennium the thin, oldest tombstones at Lower Salem were so fragile that they had broken. They were sinking and almost completely disappearing into the ground. John and Cynthia Evers' great grandson, James Paul Evers (Florence's husband), was thrilled on July 29, 2004, when at the age of 96 he was well enough to get out of the hospital so he could go and watch some of the younger Evers cousins dig up the broken tombstones, and then scrub, repair and reset them as best as they could (see photos).

Paul, Luther's oldest son, recalled many memories about attending church at this location as a child, and he was christened here in 1908. "I'd get on my horse and pull (brother) Rolland up in front of me and (sister) Frances behind me. Papa would follow us with the rest of the kids and Mother in the buggy."

Descendents of the Evers families will definitely need to check and maintain the tombstones if they do not want them to disappear forever. Since all of us live elsewhere now, we need to be aware of the situation, and perhaps organize a maintenance schedule, or help with funds needed by caretakers. Two possibilities might be to (A) place the broken gravestones on a large granite base and cover them with a UV stabilized clear polyethylene that is scratchproof, or (B) purchase new, more durable engraved stones, which is what Luther did for his parents. The broken markers cleaned up only four years ago by the Evers cousins are deteriorating, and again starting to sink into the ground (bottom right photo).

Local volunteers and the Lower Salem Cemetery Association welcome help in mowing and maintaining it. In recent years, Don and Delores Canada have helped organize Memorial Day clean-ups, and collect badly needed donations for maintenance. In a letter to Paul, they wrote, "We are trying to generate interest and do what we can to have this hallowed ground financially secure. We really need to get the younger generation interested." You may want

to contact them in Karnak to assist in preserving this historical site that was so special to Evers ancestors.

Besides the Evers family connection to the Lower Salem Church, Luther's wife Ethel Bayless's ancestors were also important to its success. Ethel's grandparents, Jacob and Eliza Miller, gave land for the older part of the cemetery.

Below is a list of Everses buried at Lower Salem, according to the *1992 Massac County Genealogical Society's Cemeteries, Book Two:*

Harriett Evers Ferguson (1886-1958),
Infant Son of Albert & Myrtle Evers (1898),
James A.L. Evers (1843-1910),
Anna Eliza Evers (1850-1918),
Inez Pauline Evers (1908),
John W. Evers (1867-1883),
Eliza Jane Evers (1874),
Hugh M. Evers (1872),
Albert W. Evers (1869-1934),
John A. Evers 1806-1868),
Cynthia Evers (1814-1865),
James O. Evers (1878-1926),
Lucy Evers (1881-1964),
Johnnie A. Evers (1907-1917).

There are several other nearby locations where members of the early Evers settlers are buried.

The next closest one is a little over a mile to the south of Lower Salem, on the same road and not too far from the site of James A.L. Evers' original log cabin. Since it has not been maintained by anyone for decades, this Copeland Cemetery is in very bad shape. It is on private ground, and according to the Genealogical Society's publication, it is located just off County Road 100E, and access is through the first gate that goes into a field. It is "up the hill behind it and to the right of the barn and livestock pens... Some of the stones have fallen over and are almost buried in the ground." Josua S. Copeland (1813-1895) and wife Caroline Evers Copeland (1833-1916) are buried there, along with Nancy K. Evers (1822-1889). Two young sons of James Robert and Nancy Evers, and a daughter, are also there – Joseph N. (1852-1857), Wesley R. (1854-1857), and Martha C (1858-1859).

There are too many to list, but probably the most Massac County Evers family members are buried in the largest cemetery at Metropolis, the Masonic, which is located on the west

side of North Avenue. This is right across the road from Luther's home where he died. Masonic is where he, his two wives, several children, aunts, uncles, cousins, grandchildren, etc. are buried.

In his 1970s writings, Harry Owen Evers, Sr. points out that there are many family members from his line of relatives buried at the Anderson Cemetery, near Boaz, about two miles north of Lower Salem. They include his great-grandfather Joseph Nathan Evers, who was born in 1819, and was the youngest brother of John Alexander Evers. A photograph from the James Paul Evers family album show dozens of well-dressed people originally believed to be at Lower Salem, but because it is so flat, it is probably Anderson.

Owen's parents and several other Evers are buried at the Belknap Masonic Cemetery in Johnson County. "This (Belknap) is a beautiful and well-kept cemetery on top of a big hill, with a marvelous view of the surrounding country-side," Owen wrote about 30 years ago. "On the Sunday preceding Memorial Day, May 30th in Illinois, the old and young alike gather at the cemetery to place flowers on the graves. At noon a basket dinner is enjoyed and the people gather to visit and talk of the good old days. Owen and Ruth Evers have contributed to the erection of a large shelter, so that the inclement weather will not prevent this annual gathering."

There are also Everses and other relatives buried in Western Kentucky's Graves and McCracken Counties, where William's sons farmed for two decades before moving across the Ohio River to Southern Illinois.

For those of you who are now located in other parts of the nation, take comfort in John A. Evers' pre-Civil War writing, saying it does not matter where we are buried, but "Let us so live that we may meet around our father's throne in heaven."

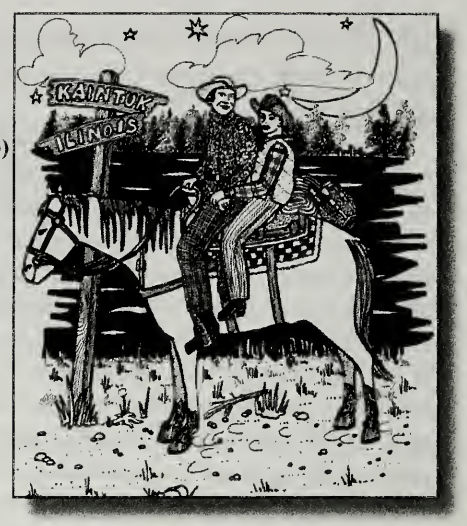
THE REV. JOSEPH EVERS believes that this old photo taken around 1900 and in the Evers family album, may be at the Anderson Church in Boaz.

William Evers

John Alexander Evers

Martha Evers Boaz

John David Evers Boaz (1867-1943)



Ch. 16

Cynthia & John Elope in 1827

[EDITOR'S NOTE: The following was originally written in Salem, Ill., on April 10, 1940, by John David Evers Boaz. He was the son of Martha Evers and James Boaz. Martha was the daughter of John Alexander Evers and Cynthia Brookshire. We are thankful for it being made available by Laura Schultes of Bowling Green, Ohio. In Jim Wiedeman's artwork above, it appears as though John, a school teacher, was concerned about the spelling of the states as they prepare to cross the Ohio River near Hillerman, Ill.]

By John David Evers Boaz

Back in North Carolina, on the Yadkin River, in Yadkin County near Yadkin, North Carolina, was born a little girl they named "Cynthia". When Cynthia was seven years of age, her father, having left Cynthia's mother, left the little girl with her grandmother and set out for Kentucky; then the frontier country of the United States. He hewed out a home in the wilderness, near what is now Hopkinsville. He was gone nine years, then returned for his little girl, who was now

sixteen and well educated for a girl of that tender age. He thought to take her with him and let her be his home-keeper. Dutiful Cynthia went with her father, riding the whole trip behind her father, horseback. We are not told how long it took them to make the six hundred mile trip. However, they arrived at the new home in due time and things get interesting almost from the day of arrival.

As was the custom then, and even to this day, a housewarming party was given in honor of the young house-keeper, so lovely and educated. It was thought proper to get someone to entertain Cynthia who was like herself, (was) refined and well educated. In the community was John Alexander Evers, a young teacher whose father, William Evers, immigrated from Pennsylvania some years after the Revolution, settling in that part of Kentucky. Someone made a grave mistake, so far as John Henry Brookshire was concerned: for that very evening John A. Evers and Cynthia Brookshire fell deeply in love and eloped three months later and were married [in 1827]. They went by horse-back, she riding behind him, to the Ohio River. They took a boat and were married on the Illinois side, near Old Massac Fort. They settled in Kentucky in what is now Graves County. To them were born eleven children, three sons and eight daughters. Their home was on the hill near what is now Boaz, Kentucky. It is still standing as late as 1895, for I taught school just across the public road, and a little farther north. As it was during my country farm life, three miles away, it was a nice two-story frame, well finished inside and out. It once belonged to my Uncle John Brown who married my father's next to youngest sister. He partly reared his family there.

John Henry Brookshire of course had to look for another housekeeper and having done so, settled near his daughter and very near the home in which I was reared. He lived to be near one hundred, having reared five or six children by the second wife.

John A. Evers was a teacher, as has been said, and in later years I taught my first school in the same district, Eakers No. 73, Graves County. I did not know this until one day one of my Trustees, meeting me in the road, said: "Mr. Boaz, you remind me of your grandfather. You look like him, you talk like him and you teach like him." This was during my second school year, after I really began to show what sort of a teacher I was really making. I said: "Which one of my grandfathers are you talking about?" He said: "Your grandfather Evers. I went to school to him right here in this district; and he was a good teacher too." I was proud of the accomplishment and was advised of something I never knew, up to this time. My mother may have told me but surely did not understand just where and when he taught. I was only one-year-old when he died. My mother always said: "You don't remember your grandfather but he held you in his

lap once." I think it was at the time when they came to the trial of a man who killed William Evers, father of James Pryor Evers.

John A. Evers was a slave-holder, but some years before the Civil War he had said to Cynthia: "Let's sell out of the mess." This, however, was some time after Cynthia had said one day, when John Alexander Evers was going to a Negro sale: "Let's not buy any more slaves, John." John didn't buy, but sold what he had that very day, or very soon. John was like the rest of us, he minded his Cynthia, but he did it in such a way that it looked like it was really his idea. All husbands know and will understand. Yes, they did sell out and settled in Massac County, Illinois, near "Jimmy" and in a few years his sons' guns turned the other way, for they were in the Union Army. Grandfather Evers and Cynthia lie buried at Old Salem, eighteen miles out of Metropolis, Illinois, west and north. It is in a well-kept M.E. Church cemetery and they have nice stones at the head.

I will not include the names of the Evers family here, but will say this: I can begin at Chicago, stop in a dozen towns on the way down to Cairo and stop with own cousins. Massac County is full of our people and they are real Evers, ready to greet you in the Evers way and entertain you as such.

William Evers was in the War of 1812 and fought with Jackson at the Battle of New Orleans. Should you ever visit Mammoth Cave, and you should, in there you may see where they made saltpeter, used in making gunpowder. I feel sure that Great Grandfather Evers was one of the numbers of soldiers who helped in that work. Kentuckians made their mark at N.O. being mentioned in Jackson's report to the Government. Wm. Evers was among that division of men.

Knowing that our people of the Evers side came from Pennsylvania, in later years I became curious to learn, if possible, just from what part. I chanced to get hold of a telephone directory of Pittsburgh. My, in the E's all who were not Evans bore the name Evers it seemed, so many were they. So, it sure looks reasonable they came from near Pittsburgh, PA.

This is about the full foundation of what we know of the Evers family in America. I know the Boaz family clear back to 1732, Scotland, emigrating to Ireland and later, 1747 to Virginia.

William Evers

John Alexander Evers

William Henry Warren Evers

James Pryor Evers (1862-1946)

Ch. 17

Attorney Discusses Slavery, Civil War, Steamboat Captains & Good Husbands

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is a letter written on April 19, 1940, by former Tulsa, Okla., District Attorney James Pryor Evers, who was the great grandson of William Evers. It is presented here in the same wording he used in writing to his children: James Taylor and Mary Jane Evers. We are thankful for it being made available by Laura Schultes of Bowling Green, Ohio.)

My Dear Children:

I don't want you to think I have neglected to express my appreciation to you for this, but commencing in life, the world before you, it is with great pride that I find you wishing to know your people, and what I know personally, and from tradition, in addition to what I have said, I will try and introduce you, the family, as best I can.

I must say and with pride, that in looking over the list you will not find any blot on the character of anyone of the family on either side, and you may with full confidence, go into

the future with full confidence, as we Kentuckians like to say, believing the blood is pure.

After telling of the information, Father L.J. Evers, of the Bowery Mission — some time in the past – showing the Evers race being derived from France, called "Hivers", carried North in the early Northern invasion, and adopting the English tongue, and having the "h" silent, down to the Ivers, and the "I" being short, dropped the "I" for an "e", making it "Evers". I hope you may be able to contact Father LJ Evers, or some of his family and learn more of this line and tell me more about it.

I will commence for further information with John Henry Brookshire of North Carolina, father of Cynthia Brookshire, who married John Alexander Evers in Graves County, Kentucky.

John Henry Brookshire lived in Graves County, Kentucky, and died at the age of 98, having remarried, left quite a family, 2 sons, Thomas and Henry Brookshire, and quite a line of girls.

John Henry Brookshire came to Graves County, Kentucky (by) horseback and blazed out a home where fine lands were being sold for $0.25 per acre, and then went back to North Carolina and brought his daughter, Cynthia, 600 miles, she riding behind him on the same horse. Soon after they arrived she met Grandfather, John Alexander Evers, a young schoolteacher from Pennsylvania; and after six months of courtship they were married and lived in Graves, Kentucky until 1858. Then he brought his Negro slaves to the Negro Market and sold them and moved to Illinois.

He lived just east of what is now Boaz Station, Kentucky and lived in a two-story frame house that is known today as the old Evers Home.

Their children born to them were; my father, William Henry Warren Evers, who married Nancy Syrena Pryor, daughter of John and Elizabeth Pryor, James Albert Lafayette Evers, Joplin, Illinois, who married Elizabeth McGee, John Wesley Evers, who married Quinna Jetts, Metropolis, Illinois, Martha Evers, who married James Boaz, Graves County, Kentucky, Louisa Helen Evers, who married Roland Green, Graves County, Kentucky, Caroline Evers, who married Joshua Copeland, Illinois; one time County Judge, Massac County, Illinois. Zarelda Evers, who married Dr. James Covington, Ballard County, Kentucky; Margaret Evers, who married Calvin Johnson Ray who was killed at the time my father was killed. Afterwards she married Joseph Guant, Joplin, Illinois. Hattie Evers, who married Frank Willis, Ballard County, Kentucky; Nancy Evers, who married Calvin Peeler, Illinois. Jane Evers, who married Jesse Green, Grave County, Kentucky.

Grandfather Evers, John Wesley Evers, James Albert Lafayette Evers, and my father were union men and all except father and grandfather served under General Grant, father

having married and living in the Confederate influence near grandfather, John Pryor, a slave owner, he never enlisted in the army on either side.

This is the line coming down from the families Brookshire and Evers.

Father married Nancy Syrena Pryor, whose father was John Pryor, and mother Elizabeth Davis Pryor. Grandmother Pryor was closely related to Jefferson Davis, a daughter of Arthur Davis a pioneer who was a farmer, a lawyer and State Senator in the early days.

Her (Nancy Syrena) brothers and sisters, she being the oldest: James Arthur Pryor joined the Confederate Army, killed at Murphysborough, Tennessee, November, 1862. John Pryor, same army, killed at Franklin, Tennessee, 1863, flag bearer for General Tyler. William Elbert Pryor, served in same army and came home, died a few years ago. Elizabeth Pryor, who married Thomas K. Weed, Marshall County, Kentucky. Sinia Pryor, who married Edward T. Hall, Edward Taylor Hall claiming close relation to President Zacary Taylor, Graves County, Kentucky. Margaret Pryor, who married Dr. Benj. T. Hall.

Father and mother's family (married 1852). Mary Francis died in infancy. Samuel Lee, died in infancy. Cynthia Elizabeth Evers died when 18 years of age, never married. James Pryor Evers, the writer of this. Susan William Johnston Evers, a baby when father and Uncle Calvin were killed, is the one I called "Susie" and mother and Aunt Margaret Ray, adding the Johnston for their dead husband.

I married Dr. Pleasant Green Reed's daughter, Laura Clara Reed, and Verna and your father were born, and then James Albert Evers died in infancy and Viva Evers died in infancy.

My sister, Susan William Johnston Evers, married George Kendrick Feezor, and they are both dead.

They had four daughters, one married a State Senator, and one a Baptist Preacher, and the others farmers, all happily situated and living honorable lives.

Back to grandfather Evers, as I have said, he came from Pennsylvania and his Father, William, settled in Hopkinsville, Christian County, Kentucky, and went to General Jackson's division and fought in the battle of New Orleans. Nathan Evers settled in Illinois.

I told you the Evers men made good husbands and I know it will not be changed in this case. I know James loves his wife and I know she will never regret this union. Grandfather Evers had a brother who was the Captain of the Steamboat "Turk" a packet running from New Orleans to St. Louis. He invited Martha, my eldest aunt to visit his home in New Orleans, and as being the custom of those day, and Hickman, Kentucky, being the closest steamboat landing, Grandfather Evers and Aunt Martha rode horseback, luggage carried in saddle bags to Hickman, Kentucky and while the boat was in port Grandfather Evers wrote

a letter, a copy of which is enclosed herein, giving her his blessings, and instructions on the trip, and you will see the character of the letter. Times have very much changed since that date, but it will help you see the character of man Grandfather Evers was.

The Pryor family came from Virginia, and two Great Grandfathers, James Pryor and Jonathan Pryor, came together at the early date and bought up large acres of land in this western Kentucky; a brother went to Mississippi, and one to New York, and Roger Q. Pryor, a famous New York lawyer, was the same family and raised from the family tree with the same degree as mother; one of the Pryors, William Pryor was on the Court of Appeals bench in Kentucky; Grandfather Pryor has one brother, Andrew Jackson Pryor who was a captain in the Confederate Army. All of these men served in the General Forest Division. Western Tennessee.

My Pryor family was, man to man, Confederates and democrats and the Evers family, man to man, Union men and republicans.

Grandfather Pryor, from his father Great Grandfather Pryor, with his children Grandfather got enough land to his part to give to everyone of his children 160 acres of land, except Aunt Margaret who marred Dr. Benj. T. Hall. He gave her 640 acres, the home place, she was his baby, and agreed to their marriage conditioned that Dr. Benj. T. Hall live with him and use his home and riding stock from the home place – Rather hard on a young, poor country doctor, I should think – don't you think so?

In after years, should there be added to your line others, remember there is no stain on the family blood, the Brookshires, Evers, or Pryors. They left a clean name and have stood in high esteem.

Mother owned Simp, Sally, and Mariah, colored slaves. Grandfather gave them to her. They were brothers and sisters. Grandfather owned when slavery was ended, 35 slaves; they all left except Mariah, a little black girl who lived with mother until mother's death, we called her "Aunt Winnie". After mother's death she lived with Mannie, a half sister of mine until she died.

Down south cemeteries were kept separate, yet, in the Bolton Grave Yard, it was the wishes of the whole family that she (Mariah) has a place with the white families of this grave yard and she lies with those that she loved and that loved her. She was a great character and the last thing I did before I left Kentucky for Oklahoma was to have a tombstone prepared, and Kinny Feezor, sister Susie's husband, carried this to the grave yard on the spring cleaning day and we erected this stone to her grave. It had cost me $45.00 and everyone wanted to help pay, and a hat was placed down on the grave and the contributors dropped, and I placed a receipted bill as my part of the cost and contributions and donations

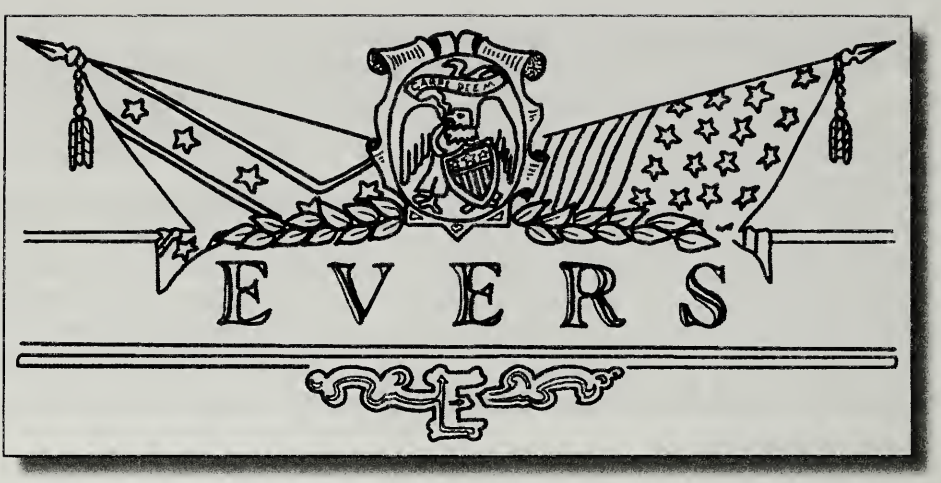
more than (covered) the $45.00 to the up-keep of the grave.

Again telling you both that you did me a great pleasure and Honor in paying me this visit, and remember always, we Evers love our people and love theirs. The delay was occasioned by waiting to have a little more of the traditions of the family from John D. E. Boaz, son of Martha Boaz, now of Salem, Illinois.

I went to the funeral of Uncle James Evers, and at the Methodist Church at Old Salem Church about 10 miles northwest of Metropolis, Illinois, saw the well kept grave yard on the top of a high hill, and there the remembrance of Grandfather Evers and Grandmother Evers were marked by nice substantial tombstones. Illinois is covered by family relations. Evers, Peelers, and Copelins[Copeland?]. Aunt Martha never gave us any children.

Pardon me for the bad writing and formation, but hope the outlined history from personal knowledge and traditions will in some way answer to request and I am pleased to know you desired it.

Lots of love to both of you,
James Pryor Evers



Ch. 18

Educational Whipping at Schoolhouse; Union & Confederate Cousins Don't Mix

(EDITOR'S NOTE: There are two sections of this chapter. The first is written by the grandson of John A. Evers, recalling some early childhood memories. The second section is the wording of a resolution by Oklahoma attorneys to honor him, James Pryor Evers. The original resolution was a copy that has been copied several times and is now very difficult to read. It was retyped as written and provided by Laura Schultes.]

By James Pryor Evers

William Mitchell, commonly called "Bill" Mitchell, had taught school at the old Dogwood schoolhouse, and had a reputation for "whipping" and Harvey Shelton teaching first school. Naturally, I was scared of teachers, and had never been whipped at home. I could not say my lessons and could not recite or name the letters, and was of course threatened with a whipping if I did not recite them the

next time I came up. I got the whipping on the third day of school and was placed in the class with Wash Mallory, Ryburn Dupree and others who had taken the rap and had no shame of punishment.

Some time following this, Harvey Shelton was sick and his brother William Shelton came to hand the school until Harvey could return. He took me between his knees and then up in his lap and never asked about the lessons, but got to talking about the home folks, Mother, Grandfather, and my Pryor Aunts, and the next time I was called for lessons, I recited every thing, and found my place in school. But that was close to the end of school. On account of the "whipping" scare, and the "whippings" – and there were many while ganging with Wash Mallory and Ryburn Dupree – it was a little too late to help that year.

This subject would not be complete without a description of the old Dogwood schoolhouse. It was better than a mile from home and an uncle, with a pocketknife, blazed a trail through the woods from the house to the school, where sister Cynthia Elizabeth, called "Betty" had made a path to school. It was a log house, stick and dirt chimney, an opening on the west side, no glass, closed by a wooden hinge, 3 by 3 opening to let in the light. In the south end of the house were two logs cut out and 2/3 of the distance across the house, back end, this gave light from the south side, and was closed by what was proudly called the "desk," consisting of a long plank, fastened to wooden hinges and when let down made a place where we used to write, and when closed up it shut out the rain and wind. There was not a piece of glass large enough to scrape a bow-and-arrow about the whole house. The door was in the east and also had wooden hinges, and opened back to the left as one came in. A large box, also called a desk, was nailed to the southeast corner where our books were piled in at night. At the left hand side of the door was a wooden paddle, about 12 inches long. One side was burned the letters "IN" and on the other side the word "OUT". A hole was in the handle in which was inserted a string, and the board was hung on a nail. The rule was at no time could two persons be out at the same time. This rule, however, like all others, could be avoided. When the board showed "IN" anyone could make a run for it, throw it on "OUT" and go out, and to avoid this it was often thrown over to show "OUT" so that two of us could be out at the same time, thus avoiding the rule of the teacher.

The floor of this school house was floored with boxing material and the ceiling rough poles across the room and boxing laid on the pole and lapped, and where they lapped is where the teacher kept his switch, and taller pupils placed their school books on the lapped boards.

So the old Dogwood school house passed away and a new building [was built] out of hewed logs, glass windows, wood stove, brick flue and hand-made two seat desks,

black boards, hand made, and hand painted, and in this house I gained my common school education until 1881, while I was working on the farm and the crops having failed, in some respects, Dr. Hall suggested that I was sufficiently informed and educated to teach school and stand examination for teacher's certificate. And in the summer of 1881 I stood the examination and took a First Grade 4-year certificate and taught one school the fall I was 19 years old.

After this, I spent one term with a preparatory school at Paducah, Kentucky under Prof. H.F. Lyon, teacher, or head of this school, and in the course of the year commenced the study of law, and on the 3rd Monday in April, 1888, was admitted to the bar at Mayfield, Kentucky, where I practiced until May 1, 1911, when I moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma, having remained the practice in Tulsa since.

[EDITOR'S NOTE: The writing that follows comes from some basic notes JPE had that were edited into complete sentence format, but the previous writing is presented in the exact wording the former Tulsa, Okla., attorney wrote in the early 1900s.]

While living in Western Kentucky in the mid 1800s, James Pryor Evers was raised in a Confederate home and surroundings "within a short distance of three of his father's sisters, who were Union people, and knew little of them, until about ten years of age." The sisters were Martha Evers, who married James Boaz, Jane Evers, who married Jessie Green, and Louisa Evers, who married Roland Green.

All of them have "large families and on account of the war prejudices between the Confederates and the Unions, had no information of the close residences of his cousins, and not until about 1872 before he visited, first, Jesse Green's family, and Orlando Green's family, and then James Boaz's family, did he become acquainted with his cousins."

William Henry Warren Evers and Nancy Syrena Pryor Evers had five children: Mary Francis, born 1856, died of Scarlet fever, 1858; Samuel Lee, born 1858, died of Scarlet fevers, 1858; Cynthia Elizabeth, born Oct. 18, 1860, died Oct. 18, 1878; James Pryor, born Nov. 27, 1862; and Susan William Johnson, born Sept. 20, 1862 (doubtful date).

James Pryor Evers started his education in 1868 when he was six-years-old, learning to read "a little" and spell up to 'Baker' in the old blueback speller.

James Pryor Evers married Laura Clara Reed, Paducah, Ky., Jan. 12, 1884.

Verna V. Evers, born Oct. 31, 1884, married J.S. Burradell.

William Pleasant Valentine Evers, born July 3, 1886, married Lurline Taylor. James Albert Evers, born 1888, died 1888.

Viva Evers, born 1892, died 1892.

Wife died March 28, 1892.

William Pleasant Valentine Evers, physician and surgeon, practicing in Ohio, has as his line:

James Taylor Evers, born July 19, 1912.

Laura Jane Evers, born June 20, 1916 [Date incorrect – December 1, 1916].

James Taylor Evers finished his high school education, 1928, and took two years in Miami University, at Oxford, Ohio, and is now in his second year in Mechanical Engineering at Mass. Tech School.

RESOLUTION

JAMES PRYOR EVERS, affectionately known to his friends and members of the Bar as "J.P." or "Jim", was born November 27, 1862, in Graves County Kentucky, and died on February 7, 1946, at his home, 1919 South Wheeling Street, Tulsa Oklahoma. J.P., or Jim, commenced his education in 1868 by being tutored at his home, he read a little and spelled up to "Baker" in the old blue-back speller. He thereafter entered school in the old Dogwood schoolhouse near his home, and continued his training, and in obtaining his education, until 1881, at which time he was licensed to teach school in the state of Kentucky. He taught school for a period of one year, until 1882, at which time he resigned and ceased the teaching of school and went to a preparatory school in Paducah, Kentucky, under Professor H.F. Lyon: and at the conclusion of this instruction, about the year 1883, he commenced the study of law, and as a result of his study of law, on the 3rd day of April 1888, was admitted to the Bar of the state of Kentucky, at Mayfield, Kentucky. After admission to the Bar he practiced law in Mayfield, Kentucky from 1888 until May 1, 1911, when he removed to Tulsa County, Oklahoma, and was admitted to the practice of law, where he remained until the date of his death on the 7th day of February, 1946.

On January 12, 1884 he married Laura Clara Reed of Paducah, Kentucky, and of said marriage four children were born. Two of these children, Albert and Viva, died in infancy, and the living children are Doctor W.P.V. Evers of Wauseon, Ohio and Verna Evers Burradell, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Doctor W.P.V. Evers married Lurline Taylor, and of this marriage J.T. Evers, of New Jersey, and Mrs. Blaisdell Kull, Wauseon, Ohio, were born as grandchildren of the deceased. Verna Evers married J.S. Burradell and of this marriage Mrs. Earl Beard and Mrs. Ruger DeJarnette of Tulsa Oklahoma, were born as grandchildren of the deceased. The great-grandchildren of the deceased are Sally Evers, Barbara Evers, Lurline Kull, Laura May Kull, Bobby Beard, Belinda Beard, and Donnie

DeJarnette. These are the close blood relatives and lineal descendants of the deceased.

That he was County Attorney of Tulsa County, Oklahoma during the years 1915 and 1916: that in the interim between these dates when he was County attorney, he practiced law in the general practice.

That the deceased was a man of sterling character, a deep student of the law, very considerate of his clients, a member of the Bar whom all of his brothers could confide in, always faithful to his client's interests, and honest with his adversary, grave in upholding the honor and integrity of the Courts before whom he practiced, loyal to his clients, faithful to his friends, and ever loyal to his family.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that in the passing of James Pryor Evers, affectionately known to his friends and members of this Bar as J.P., or Jim, the Bar of Oklahoma lost a great lawyer, his friends lost a loyal friend, his clients a faithful lawyer, the State of Oklahoma a great citizen; and that the conscientious and sincere sympathy of the Bar of this County and State of Oklahoma goes out to the friends of the deceased and his family, with the expression that in the loss of this deceased member, a noble lawyer, a true friend and a loyal loving member of his family has departed this life.

That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the permanent Archives and records of the Bar of this County, and that a copy be sent to both of the children of the deceased, with the expression that to have known this departed brother was to have "loved him and respected him."

W.E. Green

Tom Wallace

William Evers

Joseph Nathan Evers

George Washington Evers

Charles Robert Evers

Harry Owen Evers, Sr. (1910-1979)

Ch. 19

Pulaski's Harry Takes You Down Memory Lane

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Harry Owen Evers, Sr. discusses the Evers families mainly from Pulaski and Johnson Counties in some of his writings on a 200 page "family history project" he started in 1976. He was a teacher, coach and administrator at Grand Chain, Mound City and Meridian schools. Harry was a history buff and also had popular radio programs such as "Down Memory Lane" on WKRO in Cairo. After reading some of his writings, you may want to know that he died before the Rush Limbaugh Show started airing and became the nation's top talk radio program, as Harry proudly expresses similar conservative opinions. Harry's great grandfather Joseph Nathan Evers was a younger brother to John and James Evers, and was farming in Massac County before the town of Metropolis was planted in 1839.)

Dear Children,

One of you children asked if I would write a story about my life. I guess you could call this sort of an autobiography, in a sense.

I have begun on my story, but I must warn you – it is more than recall of my life. It contains, also, the philosophy and editorializing of a Senior Citizen. Some

liberal educators (?) and other far-out thinking liberals would say it represents the rambling thoughts of a senile old man. I naturally would not agree with this premise.

I feel I can give you reasons for my life, my philosophy and my editorializing. FIRST, I AM SO VERY HAPPY THAT I AM AN AMERICAN.

I suppose that my parents today would be considered under-educated, culturally deprived and of a low income bracket. ONLY IN THIS COUNTRY could such a child as I earn a college education, by working his way. I did not enjoy a free ride as given today to many because of race, color or sex.

I married a wonderful girl, who has made my life genuinely happy, and together, we have raised a family of three wonderful sons and a beautiful daughter. THIS COUNTRY gave us the opportunity to find work that provided our family with the necessities, and a few luxuries of life. Sure, we had to set up priorities in our living, but eventually, after six used cars, we were able to buy a new one, even if it was a '72 holdover that didn't cost as much as a new '73. We finally owned a house, and although it is old and not completely modern, it is HOME for your Mother and me. YES, ONLY IN THIS COUNTRY, could one rise to the good life filled with hundreds of GOLDEN MOMENTS.

ONLY IN AMERICA could a commoner have received an excellent education in grade, high school and college. Now to see education controlled by regionalism, state and federal controls, collecting our tax money and telling our schools how they must use – all this has drawn the ire of this man. I look at HEW, State Offices of Education and the eastern ultra-liberal establishment of pseudo intellectuals (in my opinion) who say, "Do as I tell you, not necessarily as I do." The permissiveness in our colleges and universities, alive with professors of far-left persuasion, and presidents who don't have the backbone to stand up and be counted, has resulted in a lowering of standards in all levels of education.

I realize that many school boards and school administrators are constantly being intimidated by the following: the pseudo lawyers under grants, the power hungry ACLU'ers and civil rights activists who apply the word discrimination to every situation not to their liking, and pose threats of court action to follow if their will is not the order of the day.

Too many parents today have resigned their responsibilities to their children and turned the complete job of raising the children to the schools. They in turn pose threats to the school if "their child" is disciplined.

I could go on, but I think you get the idea that I THINK A CHILD'S EDUCATION SHOULD BE EARNED, NOT HANDED TO HIM, HER OR IT, ON A PLATTER composed of governmental regulations and all kind of threats by outsiders and parents.

Yes, I AM THANKFUL FOR AN OLD-FASHIONED EDUCATION.

I AM HAPPY TO BE LIVING IN AMERICA, where I am able to follow the RELIGION of my choice. I hope that I "shuffle off this mortal coral" before Methodism (my choice) becomes completely centralized, materialistic, socially oriented, and physically, rather than spiritually conscious. This denomination is not by itself. This is the pattern of religion, I'm afraid, in America today. Our government is not supposed to be in favor of the establishment of any religion, but with a few more decisions as those made in our judicial system in recent years, it could result in the establishment of a new national religion called "atheism." Each to his own belief, or disbelief, but remember that the tail should not wag the whole dog. I KNOW THAT A SET OF PRINCIPLES OF RIGHT AND WRONG IS THE ONLY WAY WE CAN AVERT THE LAW OF THE JUNGLE – MIGHT MAKES RIGHT.

Well, you can see from these musings that you may not want to let others read this manuscript, but I leave this to your discretion. Even you may disagree with some or all of my rambling ideas, and I grant you that this is your right. BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO PROVE THAT I'M WRONG BEFORE I CHANGE MY VALUES.

I hope that, if for no other reason, this will provide you with some entertainment and some "food for thought" on your part. If you do find it offensive, just do as they might do in other countries – burn it.

With my love and best wishes to each and all of you as you pursue your own niche in life; I am Dad.

My Country 'Tis of The

I suppose that no one should attempt to editorialize without giving the readers a background of his life. Sometimes the environment and family history does influence the thoughts and ideas of an individual. Granting that these factors may cause a certain amount of bias, the question must be asked: "Is this not true of all sections or groups alike, whether they be termed radicals, militants, intelligentsia, left-wingers, hippies, middle class, blue collar, white collar, suburbanite, gehettoite, moderate, right-winger, conservative or radical right."? Assuming this statement of conditions is true, may I give my readers my background?

I (Harry Owen Evers, Sr.) was the youngest of six children born to hard-working but poor parents. My parents were without formal education. My father nor mother (Charles Robert Evers and Lillie Maud Williams Evers) completed grade school. Both were teenagers when they married. My mother, thirteen, was barely getting into the teen age group.

My father did farm labor, logging and other forms of manual labor before finally becoming a repairman (car-knocker) for a large arterial railroad in the Midwest (Illinois

Central Railroad). Before being able to stop their nomadic wandering for better paying jobs, my parents lost in early infancy two sons and a daughter to childhood diseases, namely pneumonia and diphtheria.

My oldest sister (Nellie) married early to a fine man (Chris Wise) who overcame his lack of education by willingness to work hard and provide a living for his family. Unfortunately dropsy brought an end to my brother-in-law just as he was entering the middle age of life. My sister and brother-in-law had two children, both boys, but the younger died at birth. My nephew (Edward Wise) was struck down by cancer in his late twenties. He left no children. My sister remarried later in life to a man (John Seitz) several years older than she was. My feeling was that to my sister, the marriage had more elements of security than love. Her health had already been impaired by diabetes, fluid in the tissues, and heart damage. My sister and her husband lived very well, although lack of fiscal understanding caused debts to pile up. Both have long since passed from this mortal coral after long suffering illnesses.

My brother (Sam Evers) went into his junior year in high school before dropping out to become a "call" boy for the railroad (ICRR), which provided the economic base for our town. From callboy, he moved up to an engine fireman and finally, after a very hard existence during the depression years, became a railroad engineer. He recently took his pension and lived in the railroad town (Mounds) where he got his start. He married a fine young girl (Mary Evers) from the area. Their oldest child, a daughter, was stillborn. The other child, a boy (Don) had a meritorious World War II record, which among other awards included the Purple Heart. He also married a young lady (Elaine) from this area and they had two fine daughters (Donna & Beth) who brought "boys" into the family, (sons-in-law) by their marriages. This nephew (Don) of mine has a splendid record as a State Police officer in the Southern District of Illinois. Rumor, not straight from the horse's mouth as the saying goes, has it that retirement may not be too far away for him.

As for myself, the youngest of six children, I am now a senior citizen of the area. I finished my grade and high school education in due time. I was fortunate that what athletic ability I had, plus the desire and sacrifices of my folks – Mom & Dad –resulted in my securing an athletic scholarship in a church-related college (McKendree College) near the central part of the state. This athletic scholarship did not pay all expenses of college. First, may I say, it was not a flat grant, but different jobs that paid for my board, later room & board, as I proved my ability to play football and basketball for the college. I was lucky to secure a loan from the Knights Templar Educational Fund, which I was to, and did, repay after I secured a job. For the four years put together I had to borrow about $750.

This is the truth and I stress it because in the years I'm writing this $750 wouldn't pay for one semester of college. Yes, I waited on tables, peeled potatoes for the meals, served in the college dining hall, cleaned campus buildings and fired furnaces to earn my way. Incidentally, there was no college money for monthly laundry. I washed out my socks and underwear in the basement of the boys' dormitory. I learned to press creases in my pants by using newspapers, water and an electric iron I brought with me from home. I must admit I did send a lot (well, I didn't really have a lot) of my clothes home to Mom in a pasteboard box covered with khaki colored material with straps and a pocket for an address label. I don't need to tell you that this was back before postal rates were so high.

In four years (due time) I was awarded my Bachelor of Arts degree and was ready to "conquer the world." I had prepared myself to be a teacher and athletic coach. I was in for a serious jolt to my ambition. 1932 was the year of my graduation and, as possibly a few remember, this was the depth of the Great Depression of the '30s. My desperate search was unproductive for a job, so I came back to Mom and Dad's home. In the area where we lived (Mounds) there were no jobs available. I did any kind of odd job I could find – sometimes making 50 cents, and on a particularly good day, might earn $1.50.

During this period, the most important event that occurred was to make a happy life for me the rest of my days. I started going with a beautiful auburn-haired girl (Ruth Evelyn David Evers) who was to become my wife and the mother of four wonderful children – 3 boys

(Harry Owen, Jr., Charles David & George Edward (Bo) and a cute red-haired daughter (Martha Ellen Evers House). Before we were married, I had finally found a job – throwing huge rocks off a barge (to sink hand-made willow mats on the Missouri side of the muddy Mississippi River to prevent curing away of banks by the current). It paid 25 cents an hour for a 5-hour day. Bachelor degree – Huh! I wasn't too good to do labor in those kinds of days and I was happy just to have a steady job. My sweetheart (Ruth) and I were married in December 1932. We "ran off" to a nearby state (Union City, Tennessee) and thought we were secretly married. Before Christmas day, we found out most people knew our secret, so we openly announced that the community had a new young married couple. Following the marriage, I secured a job making concrete slabs for reembankment on the Ohio River. The weather, by February, became too cold to pour concrete and I was unemployed. My dear wife sold tickets at a local theatre (Roxy Theater in Mounds, Illinois) and continued the job, which paid $3 a week. Again, I was back doing odd jobs, but being in love, the two of us didn't realize how poor we were.

The following spring I secured a job at Sears Roebuck portable housing and box mill. I worked in the mill part of the operation and it started at 25 cents per hour and 8 hours per day, six days a week. We felt rich under this situation. During the winter, I had served as a substitute teacher in the local school system. I began to send out applications for a teaching/coaching position.

Just by chance, I happened to be a pitcher for the town baseball team and my catcher was from a nearby village (Grand Chain). It happened that his father was secretary of the high school board of education in the village and he urged me to place an application with them. Two vacancies – one elementary and one secondary – occurred in my hometown, so I placed applications with these boards. To make a long story short, the Power that destines our lives brought a contract from the village high school first and I was elated to sign that contract.

I continued to work at Sears that summer so that we could have some money ahead of our move to our new job. Incidentally, we were expecting our first child in November. We were able to rent five funished rooms (an elderly man lived in the other room, Uncle Wash) for $10 a month. The contract called for $90 per month for 9 months on the job. My teaching schedule called for me to teach 6 classes and supervise one study hall in the 7 class period day. I coached softball and basketball after school. Since our finances were limited, my dear wife had to do a lot of daily washing and ironing of clothes. After I came home. I would put on overall pants and old shirt. She would wash out my shirt and pants; then if they were dry before bedtime she would iron them for me to wear the next day.

We were happy and anxiously awaiting the arrival of our first born – a son, Harry Owen, Jr. – on November 3rd. Another happy event was our purchase of a Crosley Cathedral table model radio. It cost $25 and we paid it off $5 a month. My wife had a radio in her home and I know she missed not having one. While I was home, my folks never owned a radio, so I didn't really miss not having one. I soon became a radio addict, however. This may surprise you – our aerial was a lead wire hooked up to the link spring of what was then called a sanitary couch that served as sofa and an extra bed. The couch was in our living room. Of course, we had to draw our water from a cistern for all uses, keep corncobs and wood chopped for kindling, carry coal in by buckets, take ashes from the stoves, and when the weather was severely cold, we'd be baked on the side nearest the heating stove and chilled on the other side. No car, so it meant walking about one-fourth mile to school and to the stores to shop. Since we were paid once a month, we would charge our groceries for a month, and then pay up on payday so we could eat the following month.

We lived on a strict budget, as every person should. There was no refrigerator until some years later, but there was a cellar for potatoes, melons, turnips, etc. We canned several hundred jars of vegetables and fruit that were given to us by our parents who always had big gardens, even though they lived in town. In this small village of Grand Chain, the folks were oh so friendly and when butchering time came around, we were sent sausage, tenderloin and other choice pieces of meat by these wonderful people. During our first year, my sister and her second husband moved on a farm near the village and they also gave us vegetables and meat.

Some of my students liked to go hunting and believe it or not, would sell us three dressed rabbits for 25 cents. Shells didn't cost much then. My wife would cut up and then fry the rabbits. She would pack them in half-gallon glass fruit jars, place the rubber on the mouth, pour some melted lard in the jar and then put the lid on the jar and turn it upside down. The lard would then become a solid again and seal the jar to preserve the meat. Oh how delicious were the rabbits so canned when winter rolled around.

I must hurry on --- my second year I was rehired and given a $10 a month raise. How happy we were. But the principal of the high school took another position in an area school and he recommended me as his successor. I was hired as principal and this brought our salary up to $125 per month. We felt we were rich and before too many months passed, we felt we could afford a car. This was 1933 and we bought a used two-door Chevrolet sedan (on time of course) for $250. Incidentally, I might say that although it did not have a heater or air conditioning, it was the best motor of any car we have ever owned. American workers used to take more pride in their work than they do today, or so it seems to me. With

the car we could visit our folks quite often, as the paternal and maternal grandparents both lived in a town only 15 or 16 miles south of us (in Mounds, Illinois).

Although I was not principal, and even though I only had to teach four classes per day, I still had to do the coaching. I was so happy to have the steady job that I didn't mind the long hours I put in. This was back before the workday hours produced hassles between employers and employees. I stayed at this village high school for 8 years altogether and while there another son (Charles David) came into the family. Never before or since have we been treated with more respect. The friendliness of the people, students, and teachers will forever be a part of our fondest memories.

While I was in this school, I went to summer school at University of Illinois (in Champaign, Illinois) and was awarded my Master of Science degree in the field of education. Why did I do this? Because the powers that be decided that to be qualified as an administrator a person must have more credits (fish eats) in the specialized field of his choice. I will interject here that I felt only 12 of the 32 semester hours required for the graduate degree had a real value to me. I would leave this thought: If you want to become a school administrator, go ahead and meet the state certificationrequirements in credits, but do not expect too much from most of your courses. Just go on with your job and use good common sense – a quality that seems to have lost its place today in America's mad rush for position power and

HARRY OWEN EVERS, SR. (center) and wife Ruth Evelyn (David) Evers (left), stand with daughter Martha Ellen (Evers) House (right) in this 1970s photo, while sons seated in front of them are (left to right) Charles David Evers, George Edward "Bo" Evers, and Harry Owen, Jr.

material gain by its people.

Leaving the small high school in the village (Grand Chain) where we got our start was not done without considerable soul searching, but the Board of Education (Mound City High School) in a town high school with a student enrollment that varied from 130 to 180 students offered me a position as principal and coach at what was then a considerably larger salary. It offered some new challenges that were not available in the small high school of an enrollment that varied from 40 to 70 students. I must tell you, however, that the first year I taught at the village high school, it was integrated. That was not due to court decision, but to the fact that the bus driver who took the students to a black high school in the area was found to be padding the number of pupils who were riding the bus and not actually going to the school. The Board of Education cut out bussing the black students and they were taken into the village school. This integration lasted about 3 years and then a delegation of black parents met the Board. They asked to have their children sent by bus to the high school they formerly attended. They had no gripes as to the treatment of their children at the local building. All activities at the school were open to blacks and whites alike. Some participated in athletics and other extra-curricular activities. The parents said they just didn't think it was best to integrate the school then. They promised to monitor the students actually attending school in town to see that no further hanky-panky went on. The Board took the parents' request under advisement and after due deliberation, followed the plan presented by the parents.

But, back to the new school. A lot of new things came our way. Before we made the move, we had purchased a Perfection (coal) Oil Cook stove and purchased a refrigerator on monthly terms from the area power company. But now we had a two-story house with a coal-fired furnace that pushed hot steam to radiators all over the house. No stoker, but the furnace was fed by Armstrong – both man and woman power. We even had a porch light and light switches to turn on the lights. We didn't have to hunt in the dark for the bulb hanging down from the ceiling in the center of the room. Since most of our furniture was handed down from parents or relatives or friends, or bought second hand, we slowly began to acquire a piece or two of new furniture. We lived in four houses since moving to this town (Mound City). The last one we bought and are living in presently (303 High Street in Mound City, Illinois). It was only the first and the present home that had furnaces. Our present one is a gas-fired furnace. In the first house, our third child, a beautiful red-haired girl (Martha Ellen) joined our family circle. In the third house, a bouncing third son (George Edward) was added to our collection of children. These four children are all we had and really we didn't think we were causing a population explosion – no sir.

Ch. 20

John A. Evers' 1857 Letters & Others

(EDITOR'S NOTE: We are thankful for William "Bill" Harmon of Glen Rose, Texas, for scanning and providing us with a copy of this letter written by John Alexander Evers in December 1857 to his wife's half-sister Sarah and husband William. To help make it easier to read, it is presented in typed format first, and then you can see the original letter in his handwriting after it.)

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Dear Brother & Sister I now take the opportunity of writing to you to inform you that last week's mail brought your letter to us dated Nov 5 just one month previous to my writing. We waited long & anxiously looked for you to write to us. & you may besure we were glad to hear from you & to hear that you were all well & pleased with your country dear brother & sister I have much to write to you but I hardly know what to write. I will first say we are through the blessing of our heavenly father at this time in tolerable good health, tho, our children through the latter part, & the summer & fall has had the chills & fevers, considerable, yet we have abundant reason to thank God for his many mercies to us that we are all still In the Land of the Living while many of our friends since we saw you last has been called to Eternity. Your sister, Cynthia, & myself has enjoyed our health quite well since we moved here, she went over to Ky in July, her & James Albert & staid some time with the children over there she also went to see your father & mother. The old man seemed quite glad to see her they were well. Calvin Ray & Margaret was over to see us some time the latter part of Oct. Calvin left Margaret with us until he went to Louisville & back again. He went after Dry goods, he is Merchandising in Marshall ever since last spring. He is doing well. Wm & Nancy left here last Monday they staid with us more than a week they have a sweet little daughter. They call her Mary Francis she can begin to get up by a chair she is very pretty you may besure I think, with a dimple in her cheek when she laughs. They told us all the rest of

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to see your old friends & those you love & esteem
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Dear Sis, recollect there is rest for all those
that love & serve God & tho away from the
land of your Nativity yet the care & the eye
of the blessed Lord is upon you. It matters not where
this frail body of ours shall rest whether in
Texas, Ky or Illinois the Lord is everywhere
present, with his people. & the way to Heaven
is plain, it was purchased through the blood
of the blessed Lord, that we by grace through in his
name might be saved, I would say to you sister
if you have not joined the church you ought
for God instituted the church for his people
then it was for there spiritual well fare that
the church was instituted. Now Brother Wm,
let me say it may be for the last time in this
life. I would with all a brothers love invite
you to the Saviour. By repentance to
word God & faith in the Lord Jesus Christ
you may find rest. O delay not. Heaven
& Immortal glory is worth seeking after
he says now is the day of Salvation if
you hear his voice harden not your heart
you can not be happy here nor hereafter with-
out the religion of Christ or a new heart. Love
to God & love to man & the indwelling of his
holly spirit testifying with your spirit
that you are a child of God yea an heir of
God & a joint heir of Jesus Christ, then it is
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tears where the wicked cease from troubling
and the weary are for ever at rest.

Dear Sis recollect it is well for all those that love & serve God tho away from the land of your Nativity yet the care & the eye of the blessed Lord is upon you. It matters not where this ~~this~~ frail body of ours shall rest whether in Texas Ky or Illinois the Lord is everywhere present with his people & the way to Heaven is plain. It was ~~was~~ purchased through the blood of the blessed Lord. that we by Grace ~~through~~ faith in his ~~name~~ ~~might~~ be saved, I would say to you sister If you have not joined the Church you out to for God instituted the church for his people then it was for there spiritual well fare that the Church was instituded Now Brother Wm Let me say it may be for the last time In this life. I would with all a brothers Love ~~with~~ invite you to the Saviour. By repentance to ward God & faith in the Lord Jes. Christ you may find rest. O delay not. Heaven & Immortal Glory is worth seeking after he says now is the day of Salvation if you you hear his voice harden not your heart you cannot be happy here nor hereafter with out the religion of Christ a new heart, Love to God & Love to Man & the indwelling of his holly spirit testifieing with your spirit that you are a child of God yea an heir of God & a joint heir of Jesus Christ, then it is Joy and peace springs up & we are armed & fortified by Grace to bear up under the ills & trials of life continually expect ing a better inheritance beyond this vale of tears where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are for ever at rest;

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may be my last. I will retell a circumstance that
took place less than two weeks ago a
young man living 1 ½ or two miles off from
us was taken violently sick some days previous
to his sending for me and brother James. One night
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and see him, Brother James & myself
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was alive & told us he was going to die & that
he wanted a little help to get out of this world
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besought God in mercy to hear prayer & give
evidence of acceptance & dieing grace
he express a willingness to die & perfectly
resigned I send my love to the children
God bless them, we want to see you all but
never expect to in this life write often as you can
I will say to Little Newton Never forget what your
uncle John A Evers told you. Think of it often
Heaven is a sweet place of rest, the Christians home
the place where Jesus is, that Jesus said suffer
little children to come unto me & forbid them not
for of such is the kingdom of heaven. I have made
some blunders in spelling this leaves us well this
Tuesday morning Dec 7th write .... for you moved
from S.M. Leeman & how far from red river.

We remain your Brother & Sister Affectionately
William and Sarah McLure.

John A. Evers
Cynthia Evers

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William and
Sarah McIntire

John A. Evers
Cynthia. Evers

[illegible] dying man [illegible]

1869 Letter About Deaths In Family

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letter was written May 3, 1869 by Henry and Mary Blewett Brookshire, of Viola, Ky. (Hardin County). It was sent to William Nelson and Sarah S. Brookshire McClure, of Honey Grove, Texas (Fannin County). Among the things discussed were several deaths in the family, including John A. Evers and his wife Cynthia Brookshire Evers, who was a half-sister to Sarah. We are thankful for William "Bill" Harmon of Glen Rose, Texas, providing us with scanned copies of the original letter as well as the typed version presented first for you to be able to read each page easier. Harmon added the square [brackets] with punctuation and question marks in an effort to assisting the reading that sometimes ususes unusual spellings.)

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Graves Cty Ky May 3 1869
Dear Son and daughter once [more I]
am permited this opportunity
of Riting you a few lines to let
you no that we Recieved your
letter and was very glad to
heare from you[.] this leaves us
well as we could expect of
our age[.] Sally you Requested
to no about Nancy[.] She is doing
Better than She was in fielen[?]
life time[.] her family is Small[.]
two sones one daughter[.} Josiah
dody and martha is living
six miles of us[.] they was all
well last Sunday[.] martha has
[four?] children [vianna?][.] Wm A [&?]
Susan to[o][,] you sed you wanted
to no Jims Baby name[.] it was
name James to[o][.] it is dead[.] I recken
you no that Jim is ded[.] I hope he is

Polly Boaz Buried yesterday

Graves Cty Ky may 3 1866

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Sally Reed ... Stevens

2nd Page

gon to a better world than this[.]
You wanted to no who John
mared[.] he married matilder Smith[.]
She is dead and he is marred
to nancy arleler huse[.] John
was up hear in feb[.] they have
3 children[.] ellen[,] warren[,] and liza[.]
Johns Post office is Pine Bluff
arkansas[.] Jims wife is married
to old doctor Riban[.] you wanted
to no about the Price of horses[.]
I am not able to say whether it
would Pay or not[.] money Scerce[.]
The Price of horses[--good horses--?]
is from one hundred 25 to fifty[.]
Sally you said you havent
got but one letter Since the
[????} we have Rote often and
Some of them Come Back to us[.]
Tom has Rote Several letters[.]
Got no anSer[.] Tom and maria
has 4 Chirdren{:] Mary[,] Sally[,]
Virgina[,] elizamalencia[.]

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you wanted to no who John
married he married Matilda Smith
& he is eleven and he is married
to Nancy Arbeter Rose John
was up here in Feb last time
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has 4 Children Mary Sally
Virginia Eliza malinda

3rd Page

Sally I dont want you to think
hard of me for Riting to you about
nute[.] We heared you was a coming
Back[.] that was what I rote it for[.]
I have Seen so much trouble
[about my ?] absent Children[.]
I would advize them to Stay
with you[.] Wm with Sorrow
I have to Say to you your Paw is
ded[,] and all so nuton and nats
oldest daughter[.] ther was
But a Short time Betwixt
ther deaths[.] your father went
and tuck your letter to your
mother the next day after we
got it[.] they was all well[.]
Sally I was sorry to heare of
your sickness[,] But I am thankful
it is no worse[.] Sally we musent
look Back at our afflictions but
Pres fore to the marke of the hy
Calling in Christ Jesus our
Lord[.]

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lord

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you wanted to no about J A Evers[.]
The children is all married but
John and harriet[.] Joh and Cynthia
is Both gone to ther long home[.]
Cynthia died first[.] you wanted to no
some thing abount Milton[.] they Both died
in Louisianna[.] Brother John Ballew [Ballard?]
Is dead[.] I hope you can reade this Bad
righten[.] I thought I would rite So as
you could see my righting once more.
Sally rite every opportunity and I will
ansur them and tel me how your pre
achers is[.] we have Preaching ever Sunday[.]
You never Sed nothing about Brother
Leamons family[.] Giv my love to all
the children and let them all try to
Serve the lorde[.] it is not worth my
while to try to tel you how bad I want
to se you all[.] I cant express it[.] Rite soon
this from your old affectionate Mother and
father[.]

To Wm and Sally McClure
Direct To Viola

You wanted to no about. Jet Evers
the Children is all marrid but
John and harrid John and Cynthia
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Cynthia died first you wanted to no
some thing a bout Milton they Bothe died
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serve the lord it is not worth my
while to try to tel you how Bad i want
to se you all i cant express it like love
this from your old affectionate Mother
and father to Mon and Sally
Tirad McClure to Viola

Chicago, Ill.
June 26 1911

Dear Luther: We three are feeling alright and I was sure glad to know you were alright again, and I hope you will find the other children well. We stayed at home [illegible] monday, Tues we went down to Marshall Field's, The Fair, Boston Store and Mandel Bro. but I did not buy any thing I could not find a suit that would fit and look like any thing under $35. They had about closed out all of their suit before bringing in the fall styles. We rested yesterday. and today we went to Rothschilds and a big 10¢ store, and Carson Pirie Scott's store. I found a suit at Rothschild that suited me pretty well at $29.75. I want to go out to the Parks and the lake if Flora feel like going. Vivienne sure enjoys riding up and down in the elevators, In one of the stores today they were play music and I looked around for her. she was behind me dancing and keeping time to the music to beat the band.

Luther I believe I will stay here untill Tues. evening and go down on the night train to Hattie's and stay with her Wed. Thur. and Fri and come on home Sat. That is not dividing up my visit

equal. But it is so for up here and so much to see and I'm not able to go much in one day. we have been talking about getting on the street car and riding out to the end of the line to get to see some of the fine residents. I will write to you again when I get to Hattie's, well I guess you are getting close to home by this time. I sure wish you were here to go around with me Helen sure gets heavy there is never any baby buggies down town and very few children seen in that part of the city I will Helen is waiting for me to take her so I will have to stop if I am needed at home be sure and let me know and I will come at once

Tell the children Hello for me and I would like to see them

with love to all

your loving wife

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Below are the words of a hand written letter in 1848 by John A. Evers to his daughter Martha Evers. We are thankful for both Laura Schultes and The Rev. Joseph C. Evers for providing copies to share with others.)

My Very Dearly Beloved Martha,

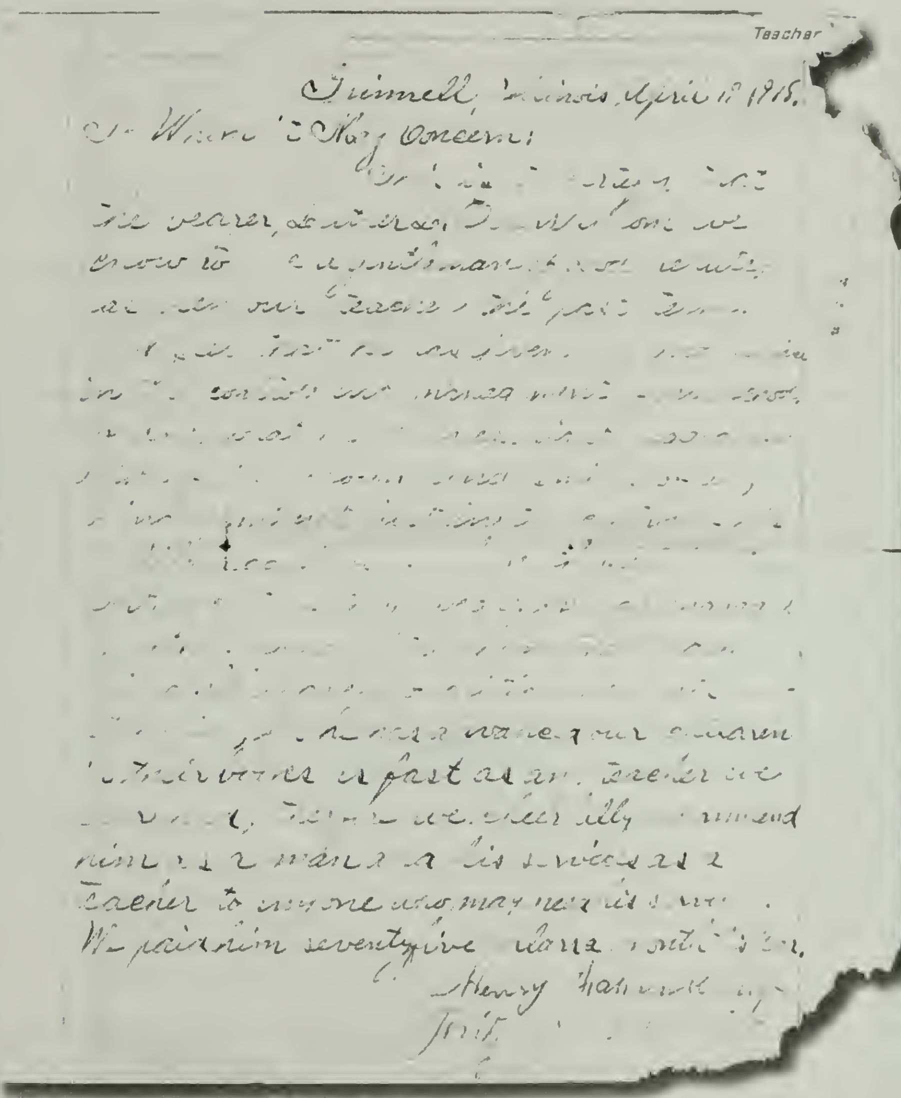
As I have the leisure time at present, I will write something by way of advice or instruction, as I expect you will be away from your parents for some time. I remember the eyes of the Lord are upon us, beholding the evil and the good, and that his ears are always open to their prayers. Therefore trust in Him who is able to save all those who put their trust in Him. Read the Holy Scriptures and meditate thereupon; be not led away from it by the practices or examples of the young or gay of the world. Do not read silly novels. Visit not the ballroom or the theater. Remember that your good name depends upon your conduct. Be steadfast resolved to maintain the purity of character you have so far acquired and maintained. In order to do this you must always keep good company or none at all, and avoid every appearance of evil, in the word or deed. Remember that your own happiness and that of your loving parents, sisters and brothers depends on your conduct. You will, I have no doubt, continue to be the good and obedient girl that you have always been.

I would not write these things if it were not that you are going amongst strangers, all of whom will regard your happiness. Remember your dear parents who happiness in this life depends much upon the good conduct of their children. Remember that you have always maintained purity of character, that wealth far better than gold or silver. Take the good advice of your Aunt Jane and strive to merit and maintain her love for you. Do not be deceived by flattering words. Remember that young people often flatter when they would deceive most. Try to be agreeable gay, innocent of all evil, and you will maintain the approbation of all the wise and virtuous of your acquaintance. A father's love and anxiety for his sweet and hitherto dutiful daughter constrains him to write this on account of her expected absence from home. Always remember prayer, and your parents will ever pray for their dear Martha, that she may be preserved from all evil.

On board St. Louis - New Orleans steamer, Turk, September 30, 1848.

John A. Evers

Again I say read the Holy Scriptures, for they have a holy influence.


Teacher

Grinnell, Illinois, April 1? 1915.

To Whom it May Concern:

[illegible]

[illegible] ...their work as fast as any. Therefore we [illegible] cheerfully recommend him and [illegible] his services as a teacher to anyone who may need his [illegible]. We paid him seventy five dollars [illegible].

Henry [illegible]

Pres.

ARMY AND NAVY
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
"WITH THE COLORS"

YMCA

Rough Sailing

At Sea

Dear Bro Luther:

Have just finished a note to Jim and will write let you know I am thinking of you again today and wishing for your victory in the race, just as I was four years ago. I didn't do much to help of course but I did all I could and my will is good now you know but am not in a position to help you much that way. My vote of course counts as much as the Governor's does but I can't cast it, but am doing what I can to help all of you back at home: Am eating all I can of Uncle Sam as who? one is paying for it but when I arrive back again I can begin to put myself in shape for doing

TO THE WRITER: SAVE BY WRITING ON BOTH SIDES OF THIS PAPER

TO THE FOLKS AT HOME: SAVE FOOD: BUY LIBERTY BONDS AND WAR SAVINGS STAMPS

Harvey 20th 2:40 AM

Dear Brother Luther.

Your letter reached me Sunday morning Easter and to say I was dumfounded is a very mild form to use. I was amazed and shocked until I was dumb I was glad I was alone because certainly I could not talk. A friend of mine called [illegible] the door. I know of no way [illegible] unusual for me [illegible] and

Sure enough so make arrangements to do so. We have every kind of climate you could ask for. If we need a change of climate we only need to wait a few hours and we'l get it. The past month, the only change has been from wet to wetter until yesterday, it snowed.

I am glad you are sure of a job for another four years. The railroad sure has been working on operators & Lowerman the past year. They sure have fired a lot of them. The 2nd trick man from here got the skids the other day. He has been here 8 years. And has lost only 2 weeks in that 8 years.

I hope all of you are O.K. Write and dont wait 2 or 3 months. And remember to make arrangements to come up here this summer.

Lubert

allow you [illegible]

If I had the money I [illegible]

AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY
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WESTERN DEPARTMENT
CHAS. E. SHELDON, MANAGER
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HARVEY, ILL.

Aug 15th

Dear Bro Luther:

How are all of you have not heard from you for so long I dont even know whether you are any more than living or not. I dont get all the family news like I used to when mother wrote to me. I miss her more all the time instead of getting used to not having her as many people seem to. It hardly seems true she is gone, I often notice my self looking for a letter. Then it hurts.

I guess you are being kept busy now as school is about to start and having instoots ect ect. I know how it used to be.

What do you think of the progress they are making with the "H.C.L."

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I cant tell as its doing me any good. It is costing me about 60.00 a month board & room. In Chicago tho some things have reduced in price.

And I might ask too; what do you think of Wilson and his "League of Nations", by this time? I think that if the Senate accepted it and made the U.S. a partner to it we would be chasing our armies around all over the world settling trouble for other nations. Small insignificant nations. Haiti, Montenegro and such. It would be taking the one thing away from America we have always prided our selves with I hope the Senate turns it down flat. There are men in the Senate as smart as Wilson & I glory in their spunk.

[illegible] '44.

Dear Nellie:

Your letter brought a mingling of disappointment, pride [and] regret. We are all proud of the accomplishments of Harriett, it is wonderful that she has been endowed with the ability to learn and retain the things necessary to carry her to the point she has reached. Of course Harriett, with the brilliant mind you have been given, goes the responsibility of directing it toward the accomplishments that will do you the most good and bring the most to those you love and come in contact. You know I have found that it is not only the fact that an individual has the [illegible] of [illegible] admired [illegible] the fact that in spite of their [illegible] ability [illegible] they can still be friendly, considerate and [illegible]. [illegible] that I have admired about you most, are those qualities. Retain and cultivate them and you will go far with little effort.

I do not hesitate to advise that Harriett go to Illinois University. I think that it would not only be better for her in the long run, but she certainly should take advantage of that scholarship. As I said, I am greatly disappointed, but if she were my youngster that is what I'd do. I know enough about the U of I that I'm sure she will get along alright there too. It is too bad Charles isn't there yet to see that she gets on the right track.

Perhaps you had not thought of it, but there will be lots of opportunities for her to earn much of her way there. I would suggest that you contact the Y.W.C.A. and see about what help they can be to her. It is a fine place, and she will enjoy it a lot. She will find plenty of church activity there too. The Methodist Foundation there on the campus is one of the finest churches in the state and I'm sure the best attended. The union building there is not only beautiful and useful to all those who go there, both visitors and students, but she will probably find plenty of chances to earn some of her money, at [illegible] [illegible] Charles [illegible] building. [illegible] When she [illegible] the I.C. train [illegible] will get [illegible] Champaign before dark. It will be necessary for her to have a car [illegible] her baggage to where ever she is going. [illegible] off the train, go down stairs through one of the exits on the platform.

A copy of a letter I'm sending to [illegible] is enclosed [illegible] which you will find self explanatory.

Good luck every body and let [illegible] from you again.

Hubert.

Harvey, Aug., 12th '44.

Dear John & Flossie:

I am enclosing a letter I received from Nellie yesterday, which I believe is the best way of giving you her side of the story I feel I should tell you about.

You will notice that she says she is sure none of you know about her contribution to the relief of the pressure Luther found himself under, and not for the amount involved would she offend any of you. This, I think, bears out the admiration all of us have felt for Nellie through these trying years, and I feel that you should know about it and find what your reaction to the matter is. Of course I know nothing about what any or all of you may have done to repay any of the money to Luther that he was compelled to put up, but under the circumstances I feel that you should all know about this and be of whatever help you can to take some of the load off of them.

I give you credit for being broad minded enough to consider the motive for this letter from me, and to take no offense. You know, I'm sure, that I would no more offend you than I would do any thing else unthinkable.

Forgive me for mentioning this, but in order that you may account for the action I intend to take in connection with the matter, I give you the story.

Before Jim and the rest of you left the farm he wrote me telling me of some of his need for money and I went to the bank here and borrowed several hundred dollars and sent it to him. I knew I would get it back if he was able to pay it, and if he wasn't I would share his loss to that extent. Your mother will tell you Flossie that I never mentioned it to her or to Jim until several years later when I got into a jam and called Lucy and she sent me $100.00. I appreciated that a lot. That must be about 17 years ago. In order that my share in the loss Jim sustained return to my original contribution, I am going to pay that $100.00, that your mother repaid to me, to Nellie, which will take care of a good portion of the amount she put into the deal, of her own money.

You need not tell me about what you do about it, and I will never say any more about it, and I'm sure Nellie will not. I am not presenting the matter to you with the expectation that you pay the balance, but that you might take whatever action you know to be appropriate knowing the circumstances and feelings of the rest of the family better than I.

I certainly hope that your health has improved since we heard from you last, Flossie and that the suggestion Frances sent may be of some help. How about the vitimin B and the Kranks. Do not let your self run out of them. Let me know.

We are looking forward to a visit from both of you in October. Loads of love,

November 25th 1929

My Dear Luther & Family.

I've just learned thro Carrie Weaver, that your daughter Evelina has gone to be with her mother. I am shocked at her untimely end but my heart goes out to you and her husband and the brothers and sisters left behind to grieve for her. We all know she is much better off than is still in this world of sorrow and suffering. I never grieve for those who have gone on ahead for I feel they are the fortunate ones, but I

gain and strive to see the glad reunion
between her and the other loved ones
who have gone on before.
To me the future life is so plain I can
almost hear the rejoicing of your mother
and Father and dear Ethel when Eveline's
spirit meets them around the great white
throne of our Heavenly Father.
You will feel your loss but may the
Great Comforter pour balm on your hearts
Accept my deep sympathy for all of your
Mamie joins me in sending sympathy.
I've been grieved to hear your own health
is not as good as usual and most
sincerely hope you are getting better.
I've heard from none of your mother's
family since Cynthia wrote me of Jim's
sudden death.
I am your affectionate Cousin Lizzie.

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To me the future life is so plain I can almost hear the rejoicing of your Mother and Father and dear Ethel when Evelina's spirit meet them around the great white throne of our Heavenly Father.

You will feel your loss but may the Great Comforter pour balm on your head. Accept my deep sympathy for all of you. Mamie joins me in sending sympathy. I've been grieved to hear your own health is not as good as usual and most sincerely hope you are getting better. I've heard from none of your Mother's family since Cynthia wrote me of Jim's sudden death.

I am your affectionate Cousin Lizzie.

1353 East 10th St. Kansas City, Mo. (E. J. Stroud)

Ch. 21

Connecting Cousins

(EDITOR'S NOTE: In an effort to help the younger generations of Evers decendants from Southern Illinois, we encouraged relatives to send in photos of themselves, their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Some photos may have been included in the earlier historical chapters, and room is being made here for a few of the extras provided that will help future generatiions at being able to put faces and names to cousins.)

STELSA EVERS BRYANT'S son Joe (Jody) is pictued here with his large family in 2004. They are (bottom row from left) daughter Melissa Kunkle, wife Ginny Bryant, Joe Bryant, daughter Sherri MacGregor, granddaughter Tessa Bryant, (top row from left) grandson Cory Kunkle, son-in-law Charles Kunkle, grandson Kyle Kunkle, great-granddaughter Taylor Foster, granddaughter Tonya Kunkle Foster and her husband Chad Foster, grandson Angus Bryant and son Chris Bryant. Not pictured: great-granddaughter Cameron Foster.

William Evers

John Alexander Evers

James A. L. Evers

Luther L. Evers

Rolland Evers (1911 - 2002)

Rolland Evers, who worked for several decades with Bonifield Bros. Truck Line company, served as alderman for 5th Ward of Metropolis. Rolland's political philosphy was, "In all my dealings with the public, it has been my principle to treat everyone as I would want to be treated – fairly and honestly."

He and Mariam Walters Evers' three children are pictured in the swing on the next page: son Dan Evers of Avon, Park, Fla, and two daughters; Sue Evers Sumner, Ann Evers Eichorn. Rolland's five grandchildren are Evelyn Worden of Glendale, AZ, Elizabeth Hooker of Paducah, Elaine Snyder of Elburn, Pat Dresser of Metropolis and Cindy Cobb of Avon Park, Fla.

Rolland Evers For City Clerk

Your Vote and Influence Appreciated

In making an appeal for your consideration and votes, I wish to make a statement as to my qualifications.

I was reared in the City of Metropolis and received my education in our public schools.

I married Mariam Walters, and we built a home and raised our family here. Our children are Mrs. Sue Evers Yates, wife of James Yates, living in DeKalb, Ill.; Miss Ann Evers, with Eastern Air Lines at Chicago; and Daniel R. Evers, of Washington, D. C.

I have been in business in Metropolis for many years and have served one term as alderman from the Fifth Ward. I am a property owner and taxpayer and know what I stand the problems of a property owner. I have had an active part in church, business, and civic affairs. In all my dealings with the public, it has been my principle to treat everyone as I would want to be treated—fairly and honestly.

In making an active house-to-house campaign in an effort to see every eligible voter, it has been my pleasure to renew old acquaintances and to meet a great number of fine new citizens of our city.

I know that I am capable and qualified for the office of city clerk. I am not a member of any clique and am running on my own merits, owing allegiance to no man or group.

I need this office and earnestly ask your support.

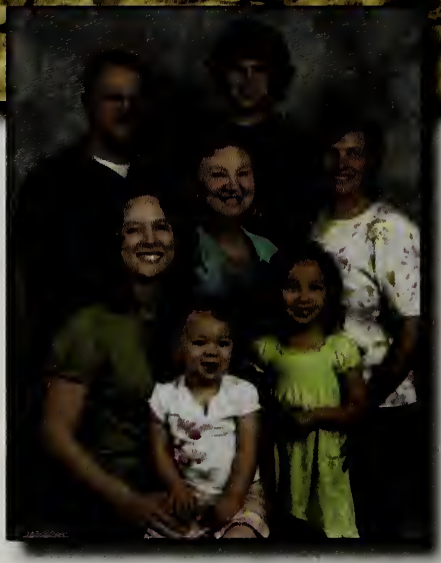
Sincerely,

ROLLAND EVERS

PICTURED ARE (front row) Katherine Anne Worden Neitz holding Emmalee Hannah Shea Neitz, Micah Kailen Neitz held by Elizabeth Catherine Yates Hooker, Elaine Cathleen Yates Snyder, holding hand of Logan Reese Neitz, holding hand of Ashley Cynthia Snyder (middle row:) Cynthia Sue Evers Sumner, Jackie R. Hooker, Anthony Joseph Snyder, (back row) James Stevan Worden, and Evelyn Christine Yates Worden.

LUTHER L. EVERS' daughter Helen Ann Evers De Vita is pictured when she graduated from high school in Metropolis during the 1930s. Her daughter Vivi Garland, shown above in white hat, was named after mother's sister, Vivienne, and her middle name, Frances, also came from another sister of Helen's. Vivi and her husband Shawn are pictured with daughter Shawna and her husband Antoian. Vivi is shown on the right with her grandchildren Destiny and DeShawn. Vivi's De Vita brothers and sisters are Ann, Alfred, James, Margaret, and Keith.

THE REV. Joe Evers visiting in Florida earlier this year with Gina, James and Jessie De Vita. Joe is pictured in the lower photo with Helen Evers' sons Keith and James, along with Keith's stepsons Chris & Brett Stanworth.



JOSEPH C. EVERS' son Mark is at the California beach with his family above. They are Mark & Mary Evers, Nathan & Miriam (Evers) Walker, Justin Evers, Sabiha Rosk and Jareth Evers, and babies Lillian & Hannah Walker sitting in front.

Pictured in 2009 on left are Hannah Walker sitting in Miriam Walker's lap, Lillian Walker, standing, Mary Evers, Jane Ann Comeau, Mark Evers and Danny Comeau. Other children of Joseph include Dan, Jane Ann, Kevin, and Karmen.

Joseph C Evers, HS Senior
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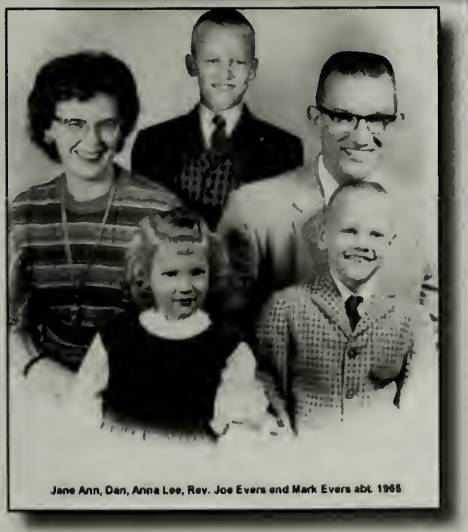
Grandmother Nellie Evers
with grandson Mark Evers



Jane Ann, Dan, Anna Lee, Rev. Joe Evers and Mark Evers abt. 1965

Chloe, Christopher, Kyle, Chad, Carla
and Kevin Evers 2009

HARRIETT HESTER EVERS WEAVER'S huge family is scattered through several states in both North and South America. Many of them live in Florida and Paraguay. Pictured here in the front row are Oscar R. Fernandez, Sonia C. Weaver, Cristina K. Suarez, Anthony Suarez, Harriett Evers Weaver. Second row from bottom are Jessica Weaver Kelch, Luciano R. Fernandez (partially viewed), Julian Fernandes, Junior; Adriana D. Formby (Cristina's daughter) sitting on Brenn Weaver Brizuela's lap (Sharon K. Weaver's son), Leni Weaver Fernandez, Joseph Evers Weaver. Top row are Alex Diaz, Frank Oscar Weaver, Joenna M. Fernandez, Luis Fernando TilanoFernandez, Junior; Sharon Jane Weaver, James J. Weaver, Roger Paulo Fernandes, Sharon Fernandes, and baby is one of Joenna's twins, Gabriela Diaz. Sharon Weaver is pictured on the left with her husband Celso Brizuela (Chester Swan) who is a well known musican and artist in South America. More Weaver family photos are on the next two pages, with Leni, Jessica, Joe, Mary Nelle, and Criss' families and cousins. Leni and husband Luciano enjoyed an opportunity to visit with Paraguay President Nicanor Duarte Frutos and First Lady Gloria when he was coaching the Tampa Soccer Academy team.

DENTIST

JOSEPH NATHAN EVERS was the first family member to move to Massac County in 1837, and most of his descendants lived in Pulaski County. On top are Harry Owen Evers, Jr. seated, Kim (Evers) Seales, Harry Owen Evers, III, and Kelly (Evers) Strozier. Above right are Jeremy Evers, George Edward (Bo) Evers, Nikki Evers, and Ruth Evers, seated. Bottom left, seated are Martha Ellen (Evers) House, Kenneth Elbert House, (Martha Ellen's step-children: Sheri House, Greg House, David House, and Donna Jo (House) Hinkebein. In far left top photo are Charles David Evers, II, Betty Jo (Pennington) Evers, Charles David Evers, and Danny Nathan Evers.

JAMES PAUL EVERS and wife Florence Kennedy Evers are pictured here in the 1960s with daughters Georgia Ann Wiedeman Blue (middle, front), Janice Kay Brinker (left), and son Byron Lynn Evers. Their fourth child, Charles Lafayette Evers, died during World War II when he was three and one-half years old. He died of appendicitis that was undiagnosed due to his young age.

JAMES PAUL EVERS' daughter Georgia Wiedeman Blue has a large family in Griffith, Ind. Left to right, front row, are son Stewart and Doc, (2nd row) daughter Teresa Wiedeman, James (son of Connie), Georgia Ann, Sean (son of Stewart), grand-daughter Rachael, (3rd row) David Blue, grandson Paul Wiedeman, Mark (holding great grand-daughter Regan), Stewart's wife Rena, Linda Blue, (back row) husband Ralph Blue, grandson Steven Blue, granddaughter Taylor Blue, Charlotte (wife of) Glenn Wiedeman. Not present when picture was made are Georgia's son Jim Wiedeman and his children, Trena, Georgia and Aubrey, and also the children of Glenn and Charlotte; Connie, Bonnie, and Mary (and their children) Michael, Ada and Koda. Glenn and Charlotte"s family are military and were out of the country. Jim has his glasses on his head in photo on page 293.

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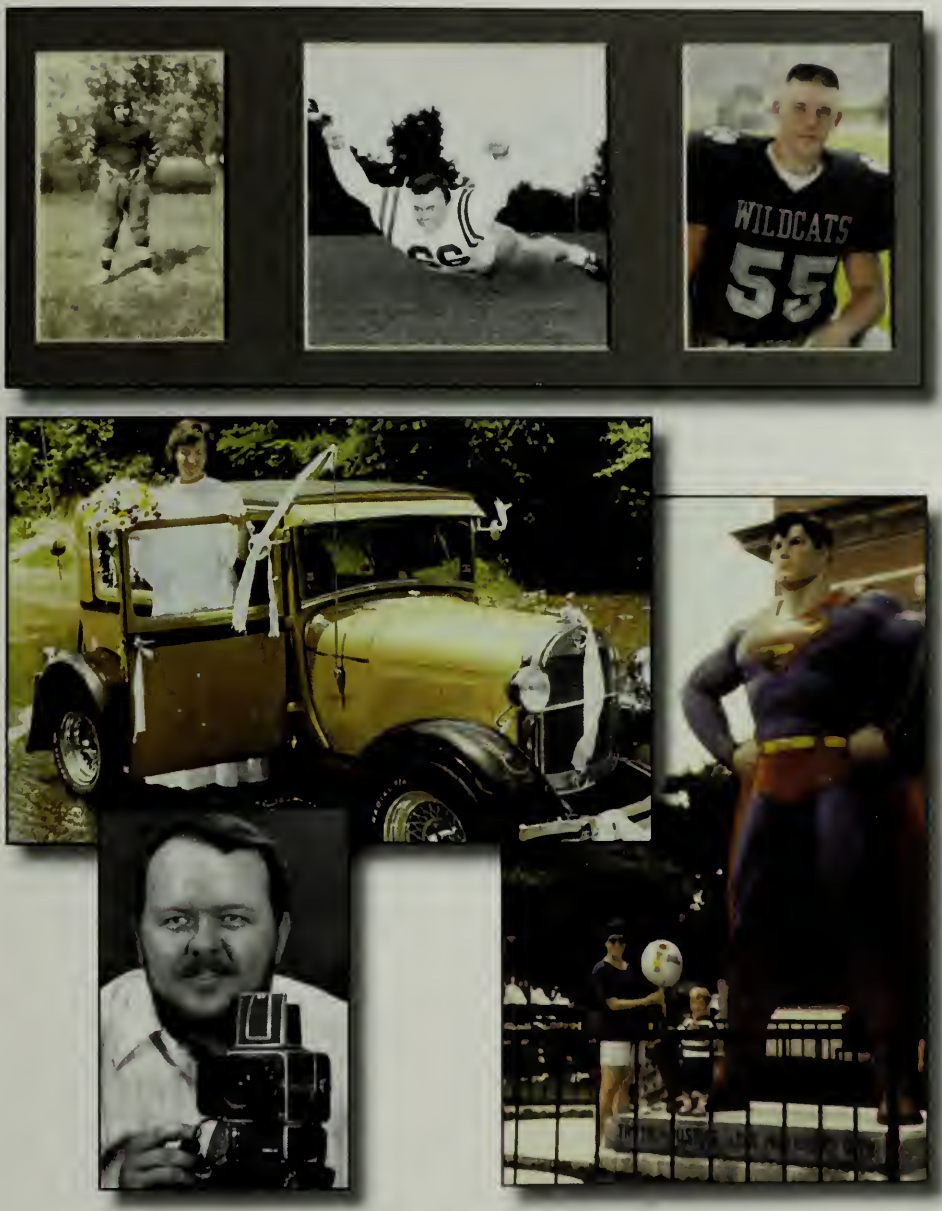
JAMES PAUL EVERS' decendants gathered for his Homecoming and Celebration of Life before Christmas, 2007. Pictured (front) are grandson Keith Brinker, daughter Janice Brinker, granddaughter Teresa Wiedeman (standing) grandson Bruce Brinker, grandson Lloyd James Evers, son Byron Evers, grandson Justin Evers, grandson Stewart Wiedeman, granddaughter Rebecca Sherwood, daughter Georgia Wiedeman Blue, grandson Westley Evers, and grandson Glenn Earl Wiedeman. On the right are Georgia and husband Ralph Blue of Hammond, Ind. Georgia's oldest son James Paul Wiedeman is in the smaller bottom photo on left page. He is an artist in Texas who volunteered to do the black and white sketches throughout this book.

JAMES PAUL EVERS' daughter Janice Brinker and her husband Stanley recently moved to Alabama after spending the past two-dozen years in Florida. Pictured here are grandson Ross, son Bruce, daughter-in-law Nicole, grandson Jacob, Janice, Stanley, grandson Clay, son Keith, and daughter-in-law Kristin. Stan and his Mississippi State University basketball team were honored in 2008 at Detroit during the "March Madness" as being one of the Top 25 Defining Moments in the first 100-year history of the NCAA. He was on the 1963 Bulldogs team that defied a court order by the governor saying the team couldn't leave the state to compete against opponents that had African-Americans on the roster. They lost to eventual national champion Chicago Loyola, which broke all of the unwritten rules in basketball and the segregation policies that existed at the time by starting four black student-athletes. Stan was pictured in the centerfold of Sports Illustrated on the opening jump ball as the starting center for MSU. He went on attain a master's degree and become a colonel in the Air Force. Keith has a master's degree in mechanical engineering from Auburn University and works for Raytheon, UTD in Springfield, Va. Bruce, who attended college in Bradenton, Fla., is a senior consultant for Cardinal Health in Columbus, Ohio.

JAMES PAUL EVERS' son Byron had a large family gathering for Christmas 2007. Pictured are grandson Corban, daughter-in-law Nicole, granddaughter Taher Lynn, daughter Rebecca Sherwood, grandson Ron Sherwood, (standing) daughter-in-law Becca, son Justin, son Lloyd James, Byron, wife Brenda holding grandson Peter, son Westley, granddaughter Jane being held by son-in-law Phil Sherwood. Brenda was honored this past year with two more grandchildren being named after her. LJ used the first part of Brenda and the first part of Nancy, Nicole's mother, to create the unique name of Brenan Kay Evers. Rebecca used Brenda's middle name Susan and her own middle name, Michelle, for Susan Michelle Sherwood. Byron is director of the mass communications program and professor at Mesa State in Grand Junction, Colo. Brenda was honored as the outstanding language arts teacher in the state in 1999. Rebecca graduated from Notre Dame and she and her husband have master's degrees from Southwest Baptist Seminary. LJ, who has two undergraduate degrees and a double masters, returned to the U.S. earlier this spring following a mission to South Africa. He is an associate pastor and director of Face 2 Face Ministries in Keystone, S.D. Justin works with a marketing firm in Seattle, Wash.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Mt. Massive Challenge

By Byron L. Evers

At 14,421 feet, Mt. Massive is the second tallest mountain in Colorado, and you can see the slightly taller Mt. Elbert (A) behind my son Westley, who enjoyed making certain we didn't get lost by keeping close tabs with our GPS unit. No other fourteener in the continual U.S. has such a massive tundra area (three-mile long ridge) above timberline.

With clouds hanging low at the base of the mountain, the early morning sunrise is beautiful on the northeast side, which has a gentle 13-mile hike to the top, but it already had three-feet of snow on Oct. 22, 2005. Because of the warmth of the afternoon sun, snow melts quickly on the southwest side of the mountain where it is much steeper, and requires a seven-mile hike in the road-less, wilderness area (B) along Halfmoon Creek. I hiked it several times while hunting mountain goats, including once that was almost a complete (C) whiteout due to an early winter storm. I eventually connected on a 200-yard shot with a three-year-old billy near a saddle (D) on the middle peak.

This would not have been possible without my youngest son helping me, as it took us 20 hours to backpack it out the next day, starting at 4 a.m.. We tied ropes to each other to safely cross a 150-foot waterfall. Note how small the pine trees (E) appear in the telephoto compression picture while looking straight down at the base of the waterfall. Sometimes taking two steps and sliding back one, we carefully made it past the dangerously loose and steep rocks (F) so we could get to a place where we could drop into a deep, sheer crevice the goat fell into. We lowered each other five to ten feet at a time, very much aware that once we started down, we would not be able to go back out the way we came. After skinning and deboning the animal, we made it back to camp at midnight, thankful that we were fortunate to have had such an opportunity. Only a few permits are drawn each year out of 5,000 applicants to hunt the beautiful and elusive animals, called "Little White Buffalo" by Native Americans, and I had been putting in for more almost two decades.

My Daddy always told me I could achieve anything with a positive outlook, and that I should climb every mountain in life very carefully. We did that. This certainly is one of those challenges my son and I will treasure for a lifetime. Colorado is a terrific place to enjoy God's great outdoors with your family, and our cousins are welcome to come join us.

D
F
A
E
C
B

Re: Back in Colo.

From: **James Paul Evers** (JPE@shawneelink.net)
Sent: Tue 12/05/00 6:03 AM
To: Byron Evers (byronevers@hotmail.com)

hi byron i am trying to let you know iam still learning tue 5

>From: Byron Evers <byronevers@hotmail.com>
>To: jpe@shawneelink.net, JPE08@hotmail.com
>Subject: Back in Colo.
>Date: Sun, Nov 26, 2000, 10:21 PM
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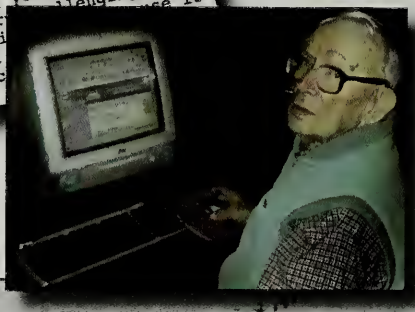
> Hi Dad,
> I really enjoyed the time we had together at Thanksgiving. W
> about 9 p.m. this evening, no problems.
> It is great to see you still challenging yourself to take on
> know learning about computers can be ver
> great. Hang in there, and don't be afrai
> to really mess something up. Now that I
> your computer is set up, I bet that I c
> you get stumped on something.



AT THE AGE of 92, James Paul Evers took up surfing the Internet and doing e-mail with his children in 2000. His first one to Byron says, "I am trying to let you know iam still learning." His hands shook so bad in 2007 that he would have to sometimes take a minute to write just one name, making tiny movements with a pencil so others would be able to read it when he thought about things for this book.

Dad's Christmas Gift To Our Family

By Georgia Ann Evers Blue

November 24, 2003, I asked Dad to write a letter for us, telling us what life was like for him and Mom during the Great Depression years, which we could read with our family as we gathered for Christmas. I thought it was important for us to understand what their struggles had been in order for us to better appreciate our many blessings.

In my impetuousness, I did not think about what a burden I had put upon him. At that time, he could no longer write his own name because his hands shook so badly, and of course, he did not remind me of that problem. He just set about doing what I had asked. Later he told Janice it had taken him 5 hours to write that letter and admitted it would have to be his last one. He never mentioned this struggle to me, for he would not want me to feel uncomfortable about asking him to do something.

Dad was just 6 weeks shy of his 95th birthday and had to use a huge hand held magnifying glass just to read. Can you imagine him switching the glass back and forth as he searched for the right key and then examined what he had just typed only to start the process again to type the next character. He called it his "Hit and Wonder System". He said he hit one key and then wondered where the next one was.

Georgia Ann, I don't remember the details about when we were on the farm but the best thing I do remember was how it was to be to our selves. The first thing we bought, besides groceries (Dad had asked Mr. Walbright of Joppa to give us credit) was a cow that I bought at a farm auction on a note to be paid for in the fall. I had been working at the CSI Plant before we got married, making 35 dollars a month and Florence was working at the garment factory making 32 dollars a month. We both got laid off the first month after we were married due to the depression that had set in. We lived with Florence's folks for the next two years until my father let us have the farm. I raised six hundred bushel of corn that first year and it cost me 17 cents a bushel. The price of corn was falling and that was all that I could get back when I sold it. The note was due for the cow I had bought at the sale, so you can see, we did not have much money. Florence bought 12 dollars

worth of clothes that year. Sometimes, I could make a little money working for Mr. Osborne on the McMurry farm, helping them butcher hogs, which he did every two weeks. Uncle Gus lost his farm that year and had to find a place to live. Claude was working on the Wm. G. Clyde paddle wheel and he got me a job as a coal passer. I made 30 dollars a month. You know about it exploding. Claude and I were lucky to have not been injured although 4 of our coworkers were killed. We were survivors but we had to find other jobs.

The depression hurt a lot of families real bad but I don't want to appear To be a complainer. But, it did hurt me to see your Mother feel embarrassed the day we had unexpected visitors and they stayed for supper. All we had in the cupboard was cornmeal which she mixed with a little milk and some lard but there was not an egg to put in it. We did pay the Walbright grocery bill after I got work on the boats.

This may not be what you wanted but it is about the depression time we struggled through. It is the best I can do for now.

Please ignore the mistakes

I have made.

Love, your father Paul

There was more but I just wanted to share some of this to see how Mom and Dad struggled.

Did you notice the very first thing he recalled was how it was for him and Mom to be to themselves. His letter so expresses the gift he was to all of us, always willing to struggle to do the most difficult tasks because he never wanted to disappoint us.

His trembling fingers struck many wrong keys and he could not see the mistakes he made as he was so nearly blind. We cherish every stroke he made. We are reminded of the honorable family we were given and also that our parents were always "Best Friends" and "Sweethearts" as well as "Spiritual Partners" forever. It is just a simple letter, but contains so many lessons for us to learn, not by what was said as much as by their life.

Merry Christmas from Paul and Florence Evers

(EDITOR'S NOTE: James Paul Evers' daughter Georgia Ann Blue wrote this letter to him for his 98th birthday in 2006.)

Dearest Dad, It is almost your birthday. I was just browsing through my computer files to look at some of the things I had saved from the past; something that would be appropriate for your 98th birthday. All of a sudden, this message popped out – Merry Christmas from Paul and Florence Evers. It really startled me. After all, it had been more than 2 decades since we lost Mom. Then it came to me, it must have been from a writing I had been playing around with at Thanksgiving several years ago. What a beautiful surprise (for me) but probably strange to anyone else.

Then I was looking for a birthday card for you and this Christmas picture of Bethlehem looked so inviting and I just kept going back to it. My heart was saying, "I want to go there." Dad, maybe you did not get much attention on your childhood birthdays because of all the activity of the Christmas holiday, but you just fit into the whole scheme so wonderfully. The song keeps playing in my head, a duet that Bing Crosby recorded with David Bowie. David is singing "Peace On Earth" and Bing is filling in with the "pah-rumpa-pum-pum" from "The Little Drummer Boy". It is so touching when they harmonize together "Every child must know".

Dad, You knew! You took all of us to Bethlehem throughout our life, to experience God's gift of love. Even then, the city was a place of turmoil, and yet love and peace was lying there in the manger, a gift freely given and just waiting for all the world to accept. So it is with life today. In the midst of all the turmoil in our life today, we can always find love and peace in Jesus.

So goes the song: "Every child must be made aware. Every child must be made to care. Come a newborn king, I will find. See the day of Glory, To give all the love we can. For my child and your child too." Those words from the song were what you taught us all along, Dad. You took us along to celebrate the Christ Child. You brought all of us along for the journey and what a trip it has been.

Christmas is never over for us, Dad. We celebrate it over and over - every day. Sometimes you may wonder why God has blessed you with these ninety plus years. I believe it is because you had this journey to make with so many of us.

When Gene Autry recorded "O' Little town of Bethlehem" he said, "This is the story of Christmas." In Bethlehem we learn that the hopes and fears of all the years, are met In Thee tonight. Isn't it wonderful to know that long after you and I and all our friends and loved ones are gone, there will still be a Bethlehem to carry our hopes and fears to. Yes Dad; Christmas will always be! Christ will always be! Love will always be! I love you Dad. Have a Happy Wonderful Ninety-eighth Birthday.

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Evers Family Recipes

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following receipes were submitted by members of the Evers family for including in this book.)

PEANUT-BUTTER FUDGE ***Janice Evers Brinker***

2 sticks of butter (Warm on No. 4 heat to melt)
3 level tsp. measuring of Hersey Cocoa
1 cup of crunchy peanut butter. Melt and stir all three together.
Add 1 pound of powdered sugar.
1 ~~cup~~ teaspoon of vanilla flavoring.
Take off heat; continue to stir until wt. sugar does not show.
Have a buttered plate ready (Don't use a metal pan, will stick
Dump all on the plate when it is really lumpy, showing no white.
Flatten out with hands.
Use sharp knife to cut into pieces while it is still hot.

CRISP SWEET PICKLES ***Florence Kennedy Evers***

2 gal. small cucumbers 1 gal. water
5 cup sugar
1/3 cup mixed pickling spices 1 Tablespoon celery seed
2 cups pure granulated salt 6 cup cider vinegar
1 Tablespoon alum

Wash cucumbers and leave them whole to start. Make brine of water and salt, bring to boil and pour over cucumbers in stone jar. Let stand for in brime for 7 days.

Pour off the brine and drain cucumbers. Slice cucumbers in half lengthwise. Make a new batch of alum and boiling water for three straight mornings. Each time water and alum is fresh and brought to boil, and pour over cucumbers and let stand over night.

After three baths of alum, drain and wipe dry, but do not wash them. Put them back in stone jar and make a solution of 6 cups vinegar, spices, sugar and celery seed. Bring to boil in a pot and then pour over cucumbers.

Next day (should be day 12), drain liquid into kettle to reheat and add 2 more cups sugar to the solution, heat to a boil and pour over cucumbers.

Next day reheat solution again and add one more cup of sugar and bring to boil. Place pickles in well drained sterilized jars; pour boiling liquid on pickles and seal jars.

Some people like to cook in boiling water bath for 15 minutes, but not required.

TWO-TONE FUDGE ROLL — *Florence Kennedy Evers*

3/4 c. evaporated milk
1/4 c. butter or oleo
1/4 tsp. salt
1 tsp. vanilla
1 jar (8 oz.) marshmallow cream
1 1/2 c. sugar
3 tbsp. Hershey cocoa

Mix your evaporated milk, marshmallow cream, butter, sugar and salt in sauce pan. Bring to boil, stirring constantly. Boil 5 min. over moderate heat, still stirring constantly. Remove from heat and add cocoa, and vanilla, stirring mixaturre until smooth. Pour on a buttered wax paper and spread out thin. Work and stir to smooth. This makes the chocolate layer. To make the two tone lighter part: Mix up a batch same as earlier except eliminate the choc., and pour this second batch onto first batch while it is still hot. Start rolling on wax paper, and remove the paper as you roll it into a tube that looks like a long sausage. Then, place it in a fresh wax paper and let stand to cool. Finally, slice it off in round pieces. You should start the second batch cooking about 10 min. after the first batch, so they will roll nicely while still warm.

HOME MADE BANANA ICE CREAM — *Florence Kennedy Evers*

1 ga. milk
6-7 eggs
3 Tbsp. flour
3 tsp. lemon flavor
2 1/2 c. sugar
1 lg. can Pet milk
6 ripe bananas

Combine flour and sugar, add eggs, 1 can Pet milk and about 1 qt. milk in large pot. Bring to boil and cook until it begins to thicken, stir constantly and do not let it scourch. Remove from stove and let cool. OK to leave in ref. overnight. Add about qt. and half more milk and mashed bananas, and then the lemon flavor. OK to let bananas be a little chunky. Also, ok to put in other fruits or nuts if you want. Put in home freezer and freeze quickly. This should take about a gal. of crushed ice & lots of ice cream salt. After it has frozen as hard as possible, remove the paddle from freezer and put stopper in lid to seal it. Drain off the ice water that has melted around the freezer, pack down more ice and more salt. Let stand about 2 hours or so before serving for good, hard, home made ice cream.

"FAMOUS RESTAURANT" SALAD DRESSING — *Georgia Evers Blue*

1 small onion (chopped very fine) 1 cup salad oil
1/3 cup catsup 1/4 cup vinegar
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce 1 teaspoon salt
3/4 cup sugar (more if you like a very sweet taste)

Put all ingredients in a blender. Blend 1 minute or until the right consistency. Can add a little bit of boiled water if thinning might be needed.

HOT DOG RELISH *Florence Kennedy Evers*

4 cups ground onions

4 cups green tomatoes (about 10) 6 sweet red peppers 1/2 cup salt

4 cups shredded cabbage (1 med. Head) 4 cups ground peppers (about 12)

Grind all ingredients coarse. Sprinkle with 1/2 cup salt. Let stand overnight in stone, glass or enamel container. (Do not use copper or aluminum)

Next day; rinse and drain well.

6 cups sugar

2 Tablespoon mustard seed 4 cups vinegar

Combine, the following:

1 Tablespoon celery seed 1 1/2 teaspoon turmeric

2 cups water

Heat to boil, simmer 3 minutes. Place in hot sterilized jars and seal. Cook in water bath for 15 minutes.

MASTACHOLLI SAUCE or SPAGHETTI SAUCE *Georgia Evers Blue*

1 # Ground beef (Recipe can be doubled or tripled)

Brown meat in deep skillet and add: 1 large can tomato paste

2 large cans tomato sauce

5 large cans water

Seasonings:

2 T. Romano cheese (grate your own preferable - but prepackaged ok) 2 T. sugar

1 T garlic powder 1 T oregano

1 T sweet basil

1 1/2 teaspoon salt

Cook for 4 hours very slow. Tilt a lid so pan is partially covered. Add more water if it gets too thick.

CARROT CAKE *Janice Kay Evers*

2 cups of Sugar

1 1/3rd cup cooking oil

4 eggs

4 cups grated carrots

2 cups pre-sifted flour

2 tsp. cinnamon

2 tsp. baking soda

2 tsp. baking powder

3/4th cup broken nuts

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour pan (13 in. x 9 in. x 2 in.) beat sugar and eggs until pale. Stir in oil. Shift together, flour, baking soda, baking powder, cinnamon, stir into egg mixture. Fold carrots and nuts. Spoon batter into pan; bake in preheated oven at 350 degrees for 35 to 40 min. Turn onto cake rack to cool. Frost.

Cream Cheese Frosting: 8 oz. pkg. cream cheese; 1 tsp. vanilla; 1/2 c. margine; 1 lb. confectioners sugar. Beat all ingredients until well blended and velvety.

ALOHA SAUCE FOR SUMMERTIME FRUIT & MELLON BALLS *Georgia Blue*

2 T lemon juice 2 T lime juice
2 T orange juice
1/3 cup water 2/3 cup sugar
A little watermelon juice for color

Great sauce to pour over a melon boat, most any fresh fruit will do well. Suggest Watermelon, cantaloupe, honeydew melon, strawberries, blueberries, peaches, fresh Bing cherries. Pineapple can be from a can.

FAMOUS EVERS CHILI *Byron Evers*

At least that is what our children and hunting buddies always called it. Bear or hamburger meat are the most tasty, but you can also use ground elk mixed with 25 percent pork fat. This is a mild, sweet chili that makes about 1.5 gallons. If you want, you can freeze it, then let thaw while hunting, and ready to warm up after getting back to camp.

40 oz. Chili Beans in sauce
30 oz. Pinto Beans
30 oz. Light red kidney beans
30 oz. Dark red kidney beans
30 oz Stewed tomatoes
1 tsp. brown sugar
1 oz. B-B-Q sauce
1/2 Onion
2 to 2 1/2 Pounds ground beef
40 oz. Ketchup
1 Package Williams chili powder or a chili brick

Use large skillet to brown meat, mixing in chili powder & onion. Put everything else in a large pot that can hold at least 1.5 gal., larger if you want to thin it any with water or just leave it thick. Be sure to not scorch, so cook on low to medium temp. Important to drain off any grease from skillet before putting meat into pot when it is cooked. Stir, then let simmer for about one hour, checking to stir often.

ELK VEGETABLE SOUP *Byron Evers*

2 Pounds of elk steak, cubed
15 to 20 oz. Stewed tomatoes
6 pealed potatoes, cubed
1 lb. Fresh or Frozen cut vegetables; corn, carrots, green beans...
15 oz. corn
Soup starter kit
Cup of flour
Pinch salt
1/2 Onion

This makes 1 gal.+, so you need a large pot. Put vegetables in first and let simmer with quart of water and soup starter. Peal potatoes, slice into thumb size cubes, then put into a second pot and boil until they become soft. Cut your meat into one-inch cubes.

You can either boil the meat to cook it, or you can use flower and lightly fry it, either way works well. Elk is so lean, it scourches easily. If boiling, then pour off water when half cooked (light gray), rinse, use fresh water to boil a second time for less gamey taste. When meat & potatoes are ready, put them in large pot with vegies & onion; let simmer.

CRANBERRY TEA — *Anna Lee Evers*

1 quart cranberries
1 quart water
Boil until the berries pop and put thru a sieve
Add 3 quarts water
½ cup lemon juice
12 whole cloves
1 cup orange juice
3 cups sugar
1 pkg red hots (1 cup)

Simmer till the red hots are melted. The tea can be served hot or cold; even mixed with lemon/lime soda.

WASSAIL — *Anna Lee Evers*

2 ¼ cups sugar
2 cinnamon sticks
12 whole cloves
4 cups orange juice
8 cups apple cider
4 cups water
1 tbsp grated ginger
8 allspice berries
2 cups lemon juice

Cover and steep for 1 hour. Place spices in cheesecloth in liquid for easier removal.

BLACK BERRY CAKE — *Ethel Bayless Evers*

1 1/2 cup white sugar
1 cup wesson oil
3 egg yolk (save the whites)
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon allspice
1 teaspoon vanilla

Mix above left together first. Then, add above right to mixture.
Stir in: 1 pint blackberry preserves (or Jam)
1 cup chopped nuts (pecans prefered)
Disolve together: 1 cup buttermilk
1/2 teaspoon soda
Sift together: 2 1/2 cups flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
Mix all together. Fold in the well beaten egg whites.. Stir all 'til welll mixed.
Bake slowly in greased and floured pans about 45 minutes (or til done)
When cooled, frost with 7 minute icing or cream cheese icing if prefered.

Your Ancestor Charts

Great Grandparents (5th Generation)

Grandparents (4th Generation)

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Parents, 3rd Generation

2nd Generation

1. _____
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Married
Place
Death
Place

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Spouse:
Birth
Death

Children of No. 1
(1st Generation)

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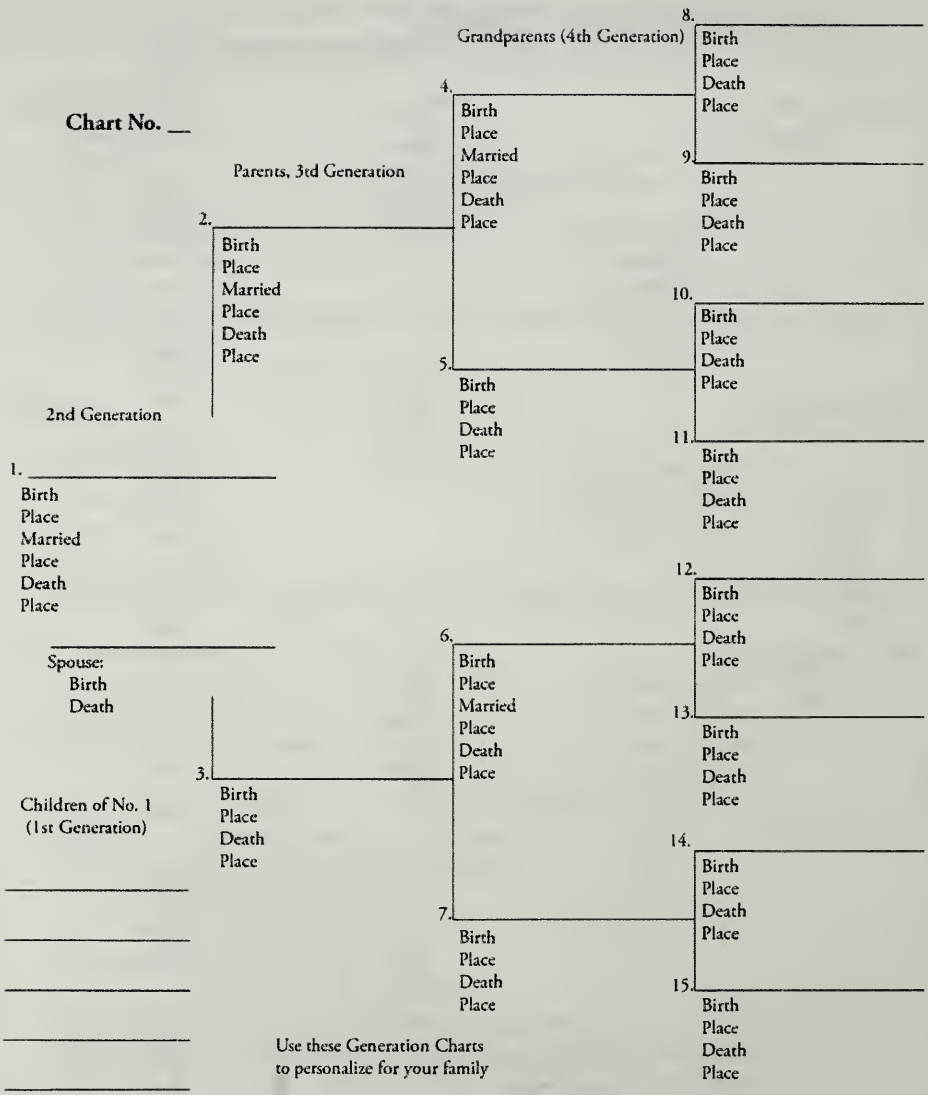
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William Evers

John Alexander Evers

James A. L. Evers

Luther L. Evers

Dr. Joseph C. Evers

Mark Hasting Evers

and wife

Mary Parks Evers

Ch. 24

Genealogy

By Mary Parks Evers

(EDITOR'S NOTE: I have attempted to make this genealogy as accurate as possible. I regret any possible errors. If any are found please contact me with corrections. For access to the "Extended Evers Family" website, please contact me at m2e5@hotmail.com. It is by invitation only as we share pictures, news, recipes, discussions and family tree.

In regard to the Cop(e)land descendants, I only listed 3 to 4 generations as I didn't want to duplicate the "Some Copeland and Little Families" by A. Lucille Harney and Fairline Bigley.

I have enjoyed learning more about the Evers family and hope that you will enjoy it, also.)

Listings & Numbers

The following information is to help readers understand the system used in the genealogy section of this book.

Family Tree Maker software uses the genealogical record numbering method, starting with Phillip Eavers as #1. The numbering proceeds downward through the descendants, with everyone who had children of their own given a sequential number. Descendants who did not have or whom we could not find children were assigned a Roman numeral and additional information if available on them will be found with their parents. Example: Byron Evers' genealogical number is 182, and his two oldest children have their own genealogical numbers of 231 for Rebecca and 232 for LJ because they both have descendants. His two youngest sons do not have any children, so information on them will be listed with the parents under iii and iv.

Genealogical Index (Page 318)

There are 268 individual relatives included in this book who have descendants of their own in the quick reference Genealogical Index, showing their reference numbers in the following pages. There are many others who do not have children of their own, and thus will have the Roman numerals assigned.

Outline of Descendants (Page 324)

The next listing is for quick reference and is an Outline of all Descendants of Phillip Eavers who were verified, and it includes only their birth dates as well and year they mayh have died, and what generation they are.

Descendants of Phillip Eavers (Page 341)

The full genealogy then follows that with many more pages of information and additional details about the individuals.

Alphabetical Indexing (Page 589)

Next comes the Alphabetical Indexing of Names on all individuals, almost 2,000 of them, who are mentioned in the book, but are not necessarily relatives. They may be mentioned in the genealogy and/or in the earlier chapters, but most of them will not be descendants of Phillip Eavers. Due to cost and time constraints, actual page numbers where they appear could not be included. You can write in the numbers at this location as you discover them on the people you are most interested in knowing about for future reference.

End Notes & Sources (611)

Finally, at the very back of the book are several pages of the sources used.

1	Eavers, Phillip	26	Thrasher, Cicero Augustus
2	Evers, William	27	Thrasher, Oliver Perry
3	Evers, James Robert	28	Evers, Minnie L.
4	Evers, John Alexander	29	Evers, Ernest Paul
5	Evers, Matilda	30	Evers, Arthur S. Clair
6	Evers, Joseph Nathan	31	Evers, Virginia Cicero
7	Evers, Jane	32	Evers, Kittie Majel
8	Evers, William W.	33	Green, John Wesley
9	Evers, Volney Cicero	34	Green, Caroline E.
10	Evers, Mary Jane	35	Green, Emma Z.
11	Evers, Martha	36	Boaz, George Washington
12	Evers, Delphia Caroline	37	Boaz, Benjamin Franklin
13	Evers, William Henry Warren	38	Boaz, Linn Boyd
14	Evers, Margaret Elizabeth	39	Boaz, Thomas Dick
15	Evers, Louisa Hellen	40	Boaz, John David
16	Evers, Zarelda Isabella	41	Copland, Louisa Elizabeth
17	Evers, James Albert LaFayette	42	Copland, Ella Josephine
18	Evers, Nancy Minerva	43	Copland, Margaret Leota
19	Evers, John H. Wesley	44	Copland, Charles McPherson
20	Evers, Harriett Catherine	45	Copland, Cynthia Alice
21	Grimes, Caroline	46	Evers, James Pryor
22	Evers, James Robert	47	Evers, Susie William Johnson
23	Evers, George Washington	48	Green, James A.
24	Evers, William Benjamin	49	Green, Francis Marion
25	Pettit, Nancy Caroline	50	Green, William Brownlow

51	Green, Martha	76	Evers, Monte R.
52	Green, Quinnie	77	Evers, James Benjamin
53	Covington, Quitmon	78	Evers, Elijah Nathan
54	Evers, Albert Warren	79	Evers, Harry Chester
55	Evers, Cynthia Caroline	80	Evers, Ray Marshall
56	Evers, James Oliver	81	Ragle, Ella May
57	Evers, Luther LaFayette	82	Thrasher, Louie
58	Evers, Harriett Hester	83	Evers, King Wallace
59	Evers, Hubert Huffman	84	Dunlop, Majel Joyce
60	Peeler, Cynthia J.	85	Green, Bessie
61	Peeler, Alexander Julius	86	Boaz, Edna
62	Peeler, Jacob C.	87	Boaz, Nannie May
63	Peeler, Oma	88	Boaz, Effie Agness
64	Evers, Myrtle	89	Boaz, Delbert John
65	Evers, Maurice	90	Boaz, Lura
66	Willis, Linda May	91	Boaz, Evers Harper
67	Willis, Laura	92	Starks, William Howard
68	Willis, Bessie Blanche	93	Starks, Herbert Garfield
69	Evers, William Francis	94	Starks, Roxy Short
70	Evers, John Robert	95	Starks, Delphia Pearl
71	Evers, Adolphus Linn	96	Starks, Alma Mariah
72	Evers, James Hal	97	Starks, Lillian Ruth
73	Evers, Charles Robert	98	Starks, Susie
74	Evers, Clara May	99	Douglas, Eva Leota
75	Evers, Jesse W.	100	Douglas, Aubrey

101	Douglas, Charles H.	126	Evers, Mary Frances
102	Clark, Ida Lenore	127	Evers, Rolland
103	Clark, Delphia Lavina	128	Evers, Stelsa Ethel
104	Evers, Verna Valora	129	Evers, Helen Ann
105	Evers, Wm Pleasant Valentine	130	Evers, Luther Trevelyn
106	Feezor, Grover Oswell	131	Evers, Joseph Calvin Carr
107	Feezor, James Thomas	132	Evers, Harriett Hester
108	Feezor, Annie May	133	Ferguson, Beatrice Kathleen
109	Feezor, Gracie	134	Ferguson, James Marsel
110	Feezor, Marguerette	135	Ferguson, Laura Ann
111	Green, Birdie Ann	136	Ferguson, Lyle Dean
112	Green, Ressie Marion	137	Ferguson, Lallah Jean
113	Evers, Eunice Mildred	138	Evers, Cynthia Eleanor
114	Lippert, Holly Marcus	139	Evers, Charles H.
115	Lippert, Claude Luther	139a	Evers, Marjorie Ann
116	Evers, Flossie May	140	Peeler, Lois Gladys
117	Evers, Flora Lucy	141	Moore, Ernestine
118	Evers, James Leo	142	Evers, Wesley Logan
119	Evers, Clara Hester	143	McCullam, Kenneth Evers
120	Evers, Orpha Eliza	144	Evers, James William
121	Evers, Jimmie Jewel	145	Evers, Charles G.
122	Evers, Virgil David	146	Evers, Seth
123	Evers, Raymond Russell	147	Evers, James Vivian
124	Evers, Evelyn Marie	148	Evers, Nellie May
125	Evers, James Paul	149	Evers, Samuel Ward

150	Evers, Harry Owen, Sr.	175	McIntire Orpha Mildred
151	Evers, Virginia Dale	176	Clary, Joan evers
152	Evers, Carl Robert	177	Caraker, Sue Carolyn
153	Evers, Jack Dee	178	Evers, Patricia Eileen
154	Thrasher, Alfred	179	Evers, Barbara Ellen
155	Evers, King Wallace, Jr.	180	Evers, Georgia Ann
156	Evers, Kathryn	181	Evers, Janice Kay
157	Evers, Deborah	182	Evers, Byron Lynn
158	McNeely, Lala Virginia	183	Shelton, MaryJim
159	McNeely, Lucy Ellen	184	Evers, Cynthia Sue
160	McNeely, Mary Sue	185	Evers, Elizabeth Ann
161	Starks, Gwendoline	186	Evers, Daniel Rolland
162	Burradell, Lyda Evers	187	Bryant, Joseph Bayless
163	Burradell, Martha Francis	188	De Vita, Vivi Frances
164	Evers, James Taylor	189	De Vita, James Allen
165	Evers, Laura Jane	190	Evers, Luther Robert
166	Feezor, James Level	191	Evers, Justine Nell
167	Feezor, Edgar Lee	192	Evers, Paul David
168	Feezor, Wilma	193	Evers, Stelsa Evelyn
169	Brown, Helen Kathleen	194	Evers, Mark Hasting
170	Moore, Margueriete Elizabeth	195	Evers, Jane Ann
171	Vaughan, Dorthea Louise	196	Evers, Kevin Dean Draper
172	Vaughan, Owen G.	197	Evers, Karmen Way Draper
173	Vaughan, Wilma Cecil	198	Weaver, Sharon Kay
174	McIntire, Margaret Lucille	199	Weaver, Leni Harriett

200	Weaver, Mary Nelle	225	Overturf, James Paul
201	Weaver, Frank Luther	226	Wiedeman, Teresa Ann
202	Weaver, Joseph Evers	227	Wiedeman, Glenn Earl
203	Weaver, Jessica Lucille	228	Wiedeman, Stewart Edward
204	Sogard, Ralph John	229	Brinker, Bruce Lynn
205	Evers, Charles Robert	230	Brinker, Jeffrey Keith
206	Evers, Donovan Charles	231	Krieg, Rebecca Michelle
207	Evers, Harry Owen, Jr.	232	Evers, Lloyd James
208	Evers, Charles David	233	Parker, Lynn Ann
209	Evers, George Edward	234	Parker, Stuart Wade
210	Evers, Jackie Lee	235	Yates, Evelyn Christiane
211	Evers, Judith Ann	236	Yates, Elaine Cathleen
212	Evers, Jimmie Dee	237	Dresser, Patrick Jonas
213	Evers, Janice Pearl	238	Evers, Lucinda Jeannine
214	Evers, Barbara Jane	239	Bryant, Christopher Kell
215	Evers, William Davidson	240	Bryant, Melissa Kay
216	Evers, Susan Jane	241	Garland, Shawna
217	Kull, Martha Lurline	242	Price, Robert David
218	Kull, Laura May	243	Evers, Miriam Michelle
219	Crisman, Rebecca	244	Fernandez, Lucia Harriett
220	O'Donnell, Patrick Timothy	245	Fernandez, Joenna Maria
221	O'Donnell, Jeffrey Lawrence	246	Fernandez, Christina Kay
222	O'Donnell, Anne Marie	247	Weaver, Jesse Daniel
223	Loughman, Lance Evers	248	Sogard, /
224	Loughman, Chad Elliott	249	Sogard, /

250	Evers, Solita Kay	261	O'Donnell, Samantha Lynn
251	Evers, Roberta Lentz	262	Wiedeman, Trena Irene
252	Evers, Kelly Ann	263	Wright, Rachel Nicole
253	Evers, Kim Elaine	264	Federowski, Bonnie
254	Evers, Harry Owen, III	265	Federowski, Connie
255	Evers, Charles David, II	266	Federowski, Mary
256	Evers, Daniel Nathan	267	Worden, Katherine Anne
257	Evers, Jessica Nicole		
258	Dodd, Mary Jane		
259	Schultes, Laura Elizabeth		
260	Schultes, Katherine Michelle		

Descendants of Phillip Eavers

1 Phillip Eavers
2 William Evers b: Abt. 1770 d: Aft. 1830
+Caroline Jane Alexander
3 William Evers b: Abt. 1790
3 Jane Evers b: Abt. 1795
+Peter Roberts b: Abt. 1800
3 James Robert Evers b: 1803 d: Aft. 1880
+Lancey (Nancy) Lehnan
4 Jane Evers b: Abt. 1835 d: Aft. 1880
+Jacob Pettit
5 Mary Pettit b: Abt. 1852
5 Nancy Caroline Pettit b: Abt. 1857
+George A. Phillips
*2nd Husband of Nancy Caroline Pettit:
+Andrew Jackson Ragle
6 Ella May Ragle b: Mar 1882
+Frank Mathias Combest b: May 1867 d: Apr 16, 1920
7 Grace Combest b: May 1898
*2nd Husband of Jane Evers:
+George Thrasher b: 1826 d: 1882
5 James E. Thrasher b: Abt. 1862
+Carintha Elizabeth Parker
*2nd Wife of James E. Thrasher:
+Jennie Bell Short
5 William R. Thrasher b: Abt. 1866
+Lucy Grimes b: Abt. 1867
5 Cicero Augustus Thrasher b: Oct 1871 d: 1958
+Julia Grimes b: 1872 d: Feb 12, 1917
6 Louie Thrasher b: Mar 16, 1891 d: Oct 23, 1964
+Anne Griffith
7 Leevurn Thrasher b: May 12, 1917 d: Nov 07, 1986
7 Alfred Thrasher
+Mary Neola d: Jan 07, 1988
8 Freddie Earl Thrasher b: Apr 08, 1950 d: Jun 12, 1950
6 Ella Thrasher b: Oct 1894
6 Etta Thrasher b: Jun 22, 1897 d: Jun 02, 1991
+Melvin Trout b: Jul 24, 1896 d: Nov 10, 1959
6 Maude Thrasher b: Jan 1900
+Virgil Caler
6 Lizzie Thrasher b: Abt. 1903
+Will Champman
6 Pearlie Thrasher b: Aug 24, 1906 d: Mar 31, 1993
6 Effie Thrasher b: Abt. 1908
+Charly Kirby
6 Eva Thrasher
+Dennis Miller
5 Oliver Perry Thrasher b: Jun 10, 1873
+Rosella Chumley
*2nd Wife of Oliver Perry Thrasher:
+George Anna Sneed b: Jan 1879
6 Virgie Thrasher b: Jan 1896
5 Susan Thrasher b: Abt. 1876
4 William W. Evers b: Abt. 1843 d: Apr 18, 1880
+Rebecca A. Ritchey b: Abt. 1846
5 James Thomas Evers b: Abt. 1868 d: Oct 01, 1916
5 Minnie L. Evers b: Jul 15, 1874 d: Oct 24, 1946
+Frank W. Phelps b: Apr 1872 d: Bef. 1930
6 Lavania F. Phelps b: Jun 1895
6 Jemings T. Phelps b: Abt. 1902
6 Dorothy L. Phelps b: Abt. 1905
6 Arnetia L. Phelps b: Abt. 1906
6 Clifton C. Phelps b: Abt. 1907
4 Volney Cicero Evers b: Aug 24, 1849 d: Jan 09, 1919
+Lenora Annabele Martha Hooppaw b: Jun 27, 1855 d: Feb 22, 1888
5 Ernest Paul Evers b: Sep 12, 1874 d: Jul 22, 1945
+Mary Juanita Popham b: Sep 13, 1888 d: May 30, 1988
6 King Wallace Evers b: Dec 16, 1914 d: Apr 26, 1988
+Dorothy
7 King W. Evers, Jr. b: Abt. 1946
+Marbea Lane
8 Kirk Beatty Evers
8 Kevin Wallace Evers
*2nd Wife of King W. Evers, Jr.:
+Melissa A. Howell b: Abt. 1955
7 Kathryn Evers b: Abt. 1947
+Peter Lao
*2nd Husband of Kathryn Evers:
+Robert G.Jensen b: Abt. 1947
8 Brian Jensen
8 Kristine Jensen
+// Petersen
7 Deborah Evers b: Abt. 1956
+Jeffrey B. Murray b: Abt. 1953
8 Seth Murray
*2nd Wife of Ernest Paul Evers:
+Martha // b: Abt. 1872

5 Arthur St. Clair Evers b: Aug 07, 1877 d: Jun 16, 1943
+Eleanor Wisdom b: Mar 1889
6 Eleanor Evers b: Abt. 1915
+// Supin
5 Virginia Cicero Evers b: Aug 06, 1879 d: May 23, 1969
+David McFarland b: May 14, 1873 d: Apr 15, 1950
6 Eugene Evers McFarland b: Sep 14, 1899 d: Apr 07, 1988
+Catherine Merrill
6 Virginia Lenora McFarland b: Feb 28, 1905 d: Nov 14, 1977
+Joseph L. Sobbe b: Jun 09, 1902 d: Apr 20, 1985
6 James Vernon McFarland b: Oct 31, 1906 d: Aug 20, 1959
+Mildred Josephine Ragan b: Mar 27, 1909 d: Sep 07, 1997
*2nd Wife of Volney Cicero Evers:
+Clara Belle Page b: Oct 15, 1861 d: Oct 15, 1931
5 Volney Page Evers b: Jun 12, 1890 d: Jan 10, 1969
+Eva Belle Harrison b: May 29, 1897 d: Mar 18, 1981
5 Kittie Majel Evers b: Dec 14, 1893 d: Jun 11, 1967
+Hubert Charles Dunlop b: Feb 05, 1884
6 Majel Joyce Dunlop b: Mar 19, 1921 d: Nov 21, 1995
+William Kerr
7 Kathleen Majel Kerr b: Aft. 1935
6 Jasmyn Dunlop b: 1928
+Robert A. Warren b: Abt. 1930
*2nd Husband of Jasmyn Dunlop:
+Robert C. Hamilton b: Abt. 1933
5 Wallace Joyce Evers b: Jul 1903 d: 1907
*2nd Wife of James Robert Evers:
+Amanda //
3 John Alexander Evers b: May 14, 1806 d: Oct 04, 1868
+Cynthia Brookshire b: Aug 14, 1811 d: Sep 30, 1865
4 Mary Jane Evers b: Sep 24, 1828 d: Apr 11, 1915
+Jesse C. Green b: Aug 09, 1817 d: Nov 08, 1878
5 Martha M. Green b: Aug 04, 1847 d: Sep 02, 1913
+/Adams
5 John Wesley Green b: Dec 1848 d: Jun 26, 1915
+Mary F. Gaugh b: Oct 1854 d: 1933
6 Nora Green b: Oct 1895
6 Ethel Green b: Jan 1878
+Oris/Aris J. James b: Apr 1874
6 Hubert Green
6 Dola Green b: Oct 1883
6 Bessie Green
+Burie C. Nall
7 Charlotte Nall
7 Rachel Nall
7 June Nall
6 Daisy A. Green b: Dec 1887
6 Jesse R Green b: Mar 1880
6 Mary B Green b: Nov 1885
6 Johnnie H Green b: Jul 1891
6 Raymond Green b: Sep 1893
6 Ora Green b: Oct 1895
5 Caroline E. Green b: Nov 12, 1850 d: Jul 28, 1930
+Warren J Elliott b: Dec 1846
6 James Elliott b: Abt. 1869
5 Cynthia E. Green b: Jan 04, 1853 d: May 07, 1926
5 William R. Green b: Dec 10, 1854 d: Apr 20, 1926
5 Louisa J. Green b: Apr 17, 1857
5 James Bynum Green b: Aug 06, 1859 d: Sep 18, 1937
+Effie Cosby b: Jul 26, 1877 d: May 20, 1951
5 George W. Green b: 1862 d: Jan 12, 1949
5 A. Grant Green b: 1864 d: Mar 17, 1957
5 Emma Z Green b: Apr 14, 1866 d: Mar 02, 1947
+Arthur Adams b: Mar 22, 1877 d: Mar 21, 1942
*2nd Husband of Emma Z Green:
+Benjamin Franklin Adams b: Apr 09, 1861 d: Apr 30, 1944
6 John B Adams b: Sep 1886
6 Corrie Adams b: Sep 1888
6 Loran Adams b: Sep 1896
4 Martha Evers b: Jan 22, 1831 d: Feb 01, 1899
+James Nelson Boaz b: Jan 07, 1822 d: Mar 12, 1875
5 Alice Rosalie Boaz b: May 06, 1853 d: May 25, 1899
+Sampson Johnson Mathews b: Mar 23, 1835 d: Jan 21, 1905
5 George Washington Boaz b: Sep 13, 1854 d: Apr 21, 1877
+Sallie Davidson
6 Walter Boaz b: 1874
6 Edna Boaz b: Feb 01, 1876 d: Feb 04, 1974
+// Bean
7 Dellon Dewey Bean b: Nov 21, 1898 d: Mar 15, 1969
5 Benjamin Franklin Boaz b: Apr 13, 1856 d: Oct

31, 1948
+Susan Frances Nail b: Aug 18, 1860 d: Sep 04, 1942
6 Pearl Boaz b: Abt. 1891
6 Howard Boaz b: Abt. 1893
6 Nannie May Boaz b: Abt. 1900
+Jim Bob King
7 Boaz E. Belt b: Nov 11, 1923 d: Oct 24, 2000
6 Mildred Boaz b: Abt. 1902
5 Linn Boyd Boaz b: Feb 07, 1858 d: 1902
+Lydia A. Douglas b: Abt. 1864 d: 1915
6 Leonard Augustus Boaz b: Jun 08, 1882 d: Jun 06, 1883
6 Effie Agness Boaz b: Jun 30, 1884 d: Mar 17, 1970
+/Kachelhofer
7 Eva Kachelhofer b: Bet. 1903 - 1904
*2nd Husband of Effie Agness Boaz:
+Joseph Cordray
6 Orville Linn Boaz b: Dec 07, 1886 d: Jan 1968
+Alice Gibbons b: Abt. 1904
6 Tressie M. Boaz b: Sep 1890
6 Delbert John Boaz b: Sep 05, 1892 d: Jan 28, 1958
7 Mary Boaz b: Abt. 1924
7 Virginia Boaz b: Abt. 1936
5 Mark Wilton Boaz b: Apr 11, 1859 d: Apr 06, 1884
5 Thomas Dick Boaz b: May 25, 1861 d: Nov 08, 1919
+Lucy Brown Belote b: Jul 12, 1870 d: Feb 22, 1950
6 Lura Boaz b: Nov 15, 1890 d: Mar 10, 1981
+James J McNeely b: Jan 15, 1884 d: Nov 06, 1950
7 Lala Virginia McNeely b: Dec 30, 1914 d: Sep 1985
+Willard Chandler Parker b: 1913
8 Living Parker
8 Living Parker
7 Lucy Ellen McNeely
+James Kenneth Tyler
8 James Alan Tyler
8 Steven Kenneth Tyler
7 Mary Sue McNeely
+Edward Frederick Solliday b: Jan 13, 1918 d: May 07, 1992
8 Living Solliday
6 Lala Boaz b: Jan 1896
6 Joseph Noble Boaz b: Aug 07, 1899 d: Aug 1972
6 Thenton D. Boaz b: Aug 25, 1904 d: Jan 07, 1993
5 Lorenzo Dow Boaz b: Jul 14, 1863
+Elizabeth Watts b: Abt. 1869
5 Abraham Sherman Grant Boaz b: 1865 d: 1866
5 John David Evers Boaz b: Jan 26, 1867 d: Dec 23, 1943
+Annette Jane Gardner b: Mar 1877 d: 1942
6 Knox G Boaz b: Jan 06, 1902 d: May 1977
6 Evers Harper Boaz b: Aug 10, 1908 d: Mar 08, 1983
+Alice Josephine Miller b: Aug 05, 1914 d: Apr 20, 1996
7 Living Boaz
6 Ruth Boaz b: Abt. 1912
6 Joe Boaz b: 1917
5 William Penn Boaz b: Dec 11, 1868 d: Jul 31, 1887
4 Delphia Caroline Evers b: Jun 25, 1833 d: Nov 17, 1916
+Joshua Short Copland b: Nov 27, 1812 d: Aug 30, 1895
5 David Alexander Copland b: Dec 20, 1858 d: Oct 24, 1862
5 Louisa Elizabeth Copland b: Nov 20, 1860 d: Jun 30, 1929
+Thomas William Starks b: Nov 20, 1850 d: Nov 1917
6 John A. Starks b: Dec 01, 1876 d: Aug 18, 1878
6 William Howard Starks b: Jul 25, 1879 d: Mar 20, 1963
+Clara Elvira Taylor d: Dec 22, 1954
7 Ida Elizabeth Starks b: Abt. 1920
6 Herbert Garfield Starks b: Jul 21, 1883 d: Dec 22, 1963
+Lula Bell Shelton b: Abt. 1879
7 Infant Daughter Starks b: Jan 27, 1904 d: Jan 27, 1904
*2nd Wife of Herbert Garfield Starks:
+Maud Malissa Little b: Oct 31, 1891 d: Jul 04, 1965
7 Gwendoline Starks b: Sep 19, 1909 d: May 05, 1982
+Rollie Ira Helmig b: Oct 05, 1906 d: Mar 04, 1994
8 Herbert Fredrick Helmig b: Jan 20, 1929
8 Steven Ray Helmig b: Mar 24, 1947 d: Mar 21, 1996
6 Roxy Short Starks b: Dec 31, 1883
+Elva Alexander b: Abt. 1887
7 Clelus Maca Starks b: Nov 24, 1907
7 Charles William Starks
6 Dephia Pearl Starks b: Jul 11, 1886 d: May 20, 1953
+Clarence Elmer Jacobs b: Oct 13, 1882 d: Dec

06, 1974
7 Alton Jacobs b: Dec 03, 1905 d: Nov 1968
7 Irene Jacobs b: Jan 06, 1910 d: Nov 30, 1941
6 Alma Mariah Starks b: Mar 02, 1889 d: Mar 03, 1979
+Andrew Perry Little
7 Harold Little b: Jun 30, 1907 d: May 13, 1987
7 Gerald Little b: Jun 13, 1918 d: Dec 16, 1988
6 Sollie Starks b: Jul 15, 1893 d: Dec 13, 1894
6 Lillian Ruth Starks b: Oct 24, 1895 d: Aug 30, 1976
+Wilburn Trumbo
7 Forest Trumbo
6 Ishmal Fred Starks b: Jul 12, 1898 d: Sep 07, 1899
6 Edna Starks b: Jul 26, 1900 d: Dec 21, 1900
6 Susie Starks b: Jan 08, 1902 d: Jun 16, 1987
+Roy Edgar Barnett b: Abt. 1900
7 Roy Jr. Barnett
5 Ella Josephine Copland b: Aug 23, 1863 d: Jan 20, 1943
+William Green Douglas b: Jan 1857 d: Jan 20, 1909
6 Eva Leota Douglas b: May 1887
+Charles William Smith b: Abt. 1888
7 Orien Glen Smith b: Oct 14, 1908 d: 1968
7 William G Smith b: May 02, 1912 d: Mar 09, 1993
7 Bessie Ellen Smith b: Mar 12, 1917 d: Feb 14, 1938
+Paul Green
6 Aubrey Douglas b: Nov 19, 1889 d: Jan 27, 1978
+Elizabeth Bunch b: Abt. 1893
7 Lester Douglas b: Abt. 1911
7 Ray Douglas b: Abt. 1914
7 Velma May Douglas b: Abt. 1915
7 John Fred Douglas b: Abt. 1917
7 Helen M. Douglas
6 Charles H. Douglas b: Dec 1891
+Ethel Sexton
7 Ione Douglas
7 Charles R. Douglas
7 Homer B. Douglas
6 Claude C. Douglas b: Oct 1894
6 William Arthur Douglas b: Jul 07, 1895
6 Infant Douglas b: Sep 05, 1904 d: Aug 07, 1905
6 John Frederick Douglas b: Jul 31, 1906
5 Martha Lenora Copland b: Feb 03, 1867 d: Apr 11, 1956
+James W. McNanna b: Abt. 1861
5 Margaret Leota Copland b: Feb 03, 1867 d: Nov 23, 1935
+William Wesley Clark b: Nov 18, 1853 d: Nov 03, 1933
6 Ida Lenore Clark b: Sep 30, 1889 d: Dec 18, 1990
+Guifford Edmond Landon b: Dec 04, 1882 d: Mar 13, 1952
7 Naomi E. Landon b: Mar 28, 1916
7 Thelma L. Landon b: 1919
6 Charles H. Clark b: Jan 09, 1892
+Mary Nelson b: 1899
7 Melburn Lee Clark b: Abt. 1921
6 Delphia Lavinia Clark b: May 01, 1900 d: Jul 03, 1993
+Arthur James Platzek b: Sep 12, 1897 d: Aug 03, 1961
7 Max W. Platzek b: 1920
7 Maybelle Platzek b: Oct 05, 1929
+// Shelton
7 Ruth Platzek
+// Campbell
5 Charles McPherson Copland b: Sep 18, 1869 d: Sep 28, 1951
+Ella Elizabeth Mangum b: Abt. 1870
6 Orien R. Copland b: Feb 04, 1896 d: Mar 23, 1896
6 Gladys Mangum Copland b: Aug 29, 1898 d: Jun 1984
+John Alexander Hottell b: Mar 04, 1886 d: Jan 18, 1960
6 Nellie Copland b: Aug 09, 1905 d: Aug 09, 1905
6 Iva Alberta Copland b: Jul 15, 1907 d: Jan 20, 1961
+Bruce Smith b: Nov 06, 1909
6 Carl C Copland b: 1903
5 Cynthia Alice Copland b: Jan 09, 1872 d: Jul 05, 1960
+James Milton Barnett b: Jan 31, 1870 d: May 21, 1952
6 Milton Dwight Barnett b: Dec 20, 1893 d: Feb 03, 1972
6 Infant Son Barnett b: Apr 18, 1897 d: Apr 18, 1897
6 James Leslie Barnett b: Jan 20, 1899 d: Jan 28, 1972
6 Nellie Barnett b: May 30, 1904 d: Jul 30, 1953
6 Rosa Caroline Barnett b: Feb 27, 1913 d: Jun 17, 1970
5 Sarah Short Copland b: Sep 05, 1874 d: Feb 09, 1957
+Jesse Thomas Hawkins b: 1868 d: 1924
5 James Franklin Copland b: Abt. 1874
+Sarah Catherine Lovell b: Abt. 1877

*2nd Husband of Delphia Caroline Evers:
+J.M. Crider
4 William Henry Warren Evers b: Jul 04, 1835d: Dec 02, 1864
+Nancy Serena Pryor b: Jan 20, 1837 d: Oct 25, 1898
5 Mary Francis Evers b: 1856 d: 1858
5 Samuel Lee Evers b: Sep 01, 1858 d: Sep 30, 1858
5 Cynthia Elizabeth Evers b: Sep 02, 1860 d: Sep 06, 1888
5 James Pryor Evers b: Nov 27, 1862 d: Feb 07, 1946
+Laura Carolina Reed b: May 09, 1864 d: Mar 25, 1892
6 Verna Valora Evers b: Oct 31, 1884 d: Jul 17, 1975
+Joseph Stanley Burradell b: Mar 21, 1884 d: 1954
7 Lyda Evers Burradell b: Nov 17, 1912 d: Aug 1981
+Earl L. Jr. Beard b: Aug 31, 1912 d: Apr 28, 1975
8 Belinda Beard b: Mar 04, 1940
8 Betsy Ann Beard b: Nov 09, 1949
8 Robert Earl Beard
+Kathleen A. McQuade
7 Martha Frances Burradell b: Jun 27, 1919
+Francis Ruger DeJarnette b: Feb 13, 1919 d: Oct 1980
8 Don Francis DeJarnette b: Jan 20, 1943
8 James Frank DeJarnette b: Feb 17, 1947
6 William Pleasant Valentine Evers b: Jul 03, 1886 d: Feb 10, 1961
+Ethel Lurline Taylor b: Dec 13, 1890 d: Mar 17, 1985
7 James Taylor Evers b: Jul 29, 1912 d: Jul 15, 1996
+Mary Jane Davidson b: Sep 04, 1918
8 Sally Jane Evers b: Sep 11, 1942
+Gerald Weiler
8 Nancy Jane Evers b: Aug 27, 1944 d: Nov 16, 1944
8 Barbara Jane Evers b: Oct 01, 1945
+Raymond Dodd
9 Mary Jane Dodd b: Oct 11, 1965
+Robert Melendez
10 Emily Dodd Melendez b: Jan 16, 1992
10 Alex Melendez b: 1996
9 Richard Evers Dodd b: Oct 01, 1968
8 William Davidson Evers b: May 03, 1947
+Joanne Dollish
9 Christopher Gandolf Evers b: Oct 20, 1972
9 Michael Davidson Evers b: Oct 20, 1972
8 Helen Jane Evers b: Oct 15, 1950
8 Susan Jane Evers b: Jun 05, 1955
+John Hardin
*2nd Husband of Susan Jane Evers:
+Richard Stalcup
9 Richard E. Stalcup
9 Michael Staleup
9 Jamie Stalcup b: Jan 04, 1997
7 William Vastine Evers b: Sep 1915 d: Sep 1915
7 Laura Jane Evers b: Dec 01, 1916 d: Mar 23, 1996
+James Alvin Jr. Bohannon
*2nd Husband of Laura Jane Evers:
+Blaisdell Myers Kull b: Aug 24, 1915 d: Jan 30, 1991
8 Martha Lurline Kull b: Jan 17, 1942
+Gene L McQuillin
9 Gordon Jay McQuillin b: Apr 30, 1969
9 Tiffany Lurline McQuillin b: Jan 05, 1973
+Christopher Matthew Lux
8 Laura May Kull b: Jul 18, 1943
+John Peter Schultes
9 Laura Elizabeth Schultes b: Aug 26, 1967
+Lee Matthew Martinez
10 Lee Matthew III Martinez b: Sep 21, 1993
10 Anthony Christopher Martinez b: Jul 14, 1995
10 Christian Richard Jonathon Martinez b: Apr 01, 1998
9 Katherine Michelle Schultes b: Nov 05, 1971
+James Allan Jr. Carpenter
10 Jessica May Carpenter b: Jun 25, 1996
9 Martha Suzanne Schultes b: Nov 05, 1971
6 James Albert Evers b: May 21, 1888 d: Jun 05, 1888
6 Mattie Veria/Viva Evers b: Jul 27, 1890d: Jan 18, 1891
5 Susie William Johnson Evers b: Nov 22, 1864 d: Feb 23, 1936
+George Kendrick Feezor b: Oct 09, 1857 d: Jan 29, 1915
6 Greenville Feezor b: Feb 24, 1885 d: May 03, 1891
6 William N. Feezor b: Apr 17, 1887 d: Dec 29, 1888
6 Grover Oswell Feezor b: Feb 14, 1889 d: Jan 17, 1975
+Mary M Coller b: Abt. 1887 d: Dec 22, 1968
7 Robert K Feezor b: Aug 11, 1910 d: Jan 19, 2003
7 Mable Feezor b: Jun 28, 1913

7 Neoma Feezor b: Jan 09, 1915
7 James Gilbert Feezor b: Apr 08, 1917 d: May 31, 1928
6 James Thomas Feezorb: Sep 22, 1894 d: Nov 22, 1976
+Nora Lee Kaler b: Sep 11, 1896 d: Sep 22, 1933
7 James Level Feezor b: Jun 01, 1918 d: Mar 1964
+Odessa Lawrence
8 Reginald Feezor
8 Rocky Feezor
8 Living3 Feezor
7 Edgar Lee Feezor
8 Libby Feezor
8 Oddie Feezor
7 Wilma Feezor
+Duban Gentry
8 Deborah Gentry
8 Pamela Kay Gentry
*2nd Husband of Wilma Feezor:
+Jim Lowe
8 Jamie Lowe
8 Merilee Lowe
8 Patricia Lowe
6 Annie Mae Feezorb: Aug 29, 1896 d: Aug 24, 1974
+Perry Roscoe Brown b: Aug 26, 1894 d: Feb 11, 1954
7 Perry Roscoe Jr. Brown b: Aug 16, 1920 d: Aug 05, 1921
7 Helen Kathleen Brown b: Nov 26, 1921 d: Nov 01, 2001
+William Hardy Jr. Housman b: Nov 07, 1918 d: Apr 18, 1975
8 William Hardy III Housman b: Apr 15, 1948
8 Perry Brown Housman b: Nov 20, 1954
+Marilyn Janette Robinson
6 Evelina Feezorb: Aug 1898
6 Gracie Feezor b: May 12, 1900 d: Jul 26, 1985
+Rudy Lester Moore b: Oct 15, 1897 d: Dec 03, 1966
7 Margueriete Elizabeth Mooreb: Sep 09, 1922
+Robert Glenn Kinney b: Apr 17, 1918
8 Glenda Kay Kinney b: Jan 08, 1947
7 Hilda Jane Moore b: May 28, 1924
+John Charles Cooper
7 Judith Feezor Moore b: Oct 02, 1933
+Edwin Boyd Rudolph
7 Patricia Ann Moore b: Jun 29, 1937
+Kenneth Joe Holliday
6 Marguerette Feezor b: 1902
+Raymond K. Boazb: 1900 d: Mar 31, 1965
7 Charlotte Boazb: Abt. 1925
7 William G Boaz b: Jul 26, 1926
4 Margaret Elizabeth Evers b: Dec 08, 1837 d: Feb 19, 1876
+Calvin Johnson Ray b: Oct 12, 1833 d: Dec 01, 1864
5 James Calvin Ray b: Feb 06, 1857 d: Feb 17, 1857
*2nd Husband of Margaret Elizabeth Evers:
+Joseph W. Gaunt
4 Louisa Hellen Evers b: Nov 19, 1839 d: Aft. 1895
+Roland Connor Green b: 1834 d: 1876
5 Isaac W. Greenb: Nov 09, 1858 d: Jul 11, 1946
5 James A. Green b: Feb 1860
+Martha Stoval
6 Joseph W. Green b: Aug 1885
6 William O. Green b: Aug 1887
6 Charley Green b: Sep 1889
6 Elvin Green b: Jun 1891
5 Francis Marion Green b: 1861 d: 1909
+Georgia Ann Pittman b: Nov 01, 1863 d: Dec 19, 1942
6 Alphus Walter Green b: Jun 25, 1891 d: Dec 05, 1969
+Nora Green
*2nd Wife of Alphus Walter Green:
+Linda O. Fathering
6 Birdie Ann Green b: Jul 21, 1889d: May 02, 1976
+John Puryear Wilkerson b: Sep 19, 1886 d: Sep 28, 1949
7 J.P. Ray Wilkerson b: May 08, 1926 d: May 27, 1957
6 Ressie Marion Green b: Oct 08, 1895 d: Jan 23, 1933
+Ezra Cecil Vaughan/Vaughn b: Sep 25, 1890 d: Feb 10, 1922
7 Dorthea Louise Vaughan b: Dec 24, 1916 d: Jul 30, 1974
+Harmon Bertrey Summerville b: Jan 25, 1915d: Jul 22, 1974
8 Stella Summerville
+Rube Clayton Steffey
8 Mary Summerville
8 Billy Wayne Summerville
7 Owen G. Vaughan b: 1918 d: 1991
+Edna Mohler
8 R.D. Vaughan
8 Max Vaughan
8 Jessie Vaughan
7 Wilma Cecil Vaughan b: Oct 08, 1922 d: Jun 06,

1945
+Ardie B. Speed
8 Marion Speed
8 Ann Speed
6 Nellie Green b: Aug 02, 1873 d: Aug 02, 1873
6 Dellie Green b: Jan 10, 1888 d: Jan 10, 1888
5 William Brownlow Green b: Sep 20, 1863 d: Feb 28, 1936
+Nannie Bell Kidd b: 1870 d: 1959
6 Roy Green
6 Earl Green
6 Herman Green
6 Ted Green
6 Gurvis Green
6 Neil Green
6 Ruble Green
6 Elbert Green
6 Jewell Green
6 Louise Green
6 Grace Green
5 Roland Connnor Jr. Green b: 1865
5 Harriet Green b: Abt. 1868
5 Martha Green b: Feb 10, 1869 d: Jul 01, 1894
+William White Gough b: Jan 31, 1858 d: Jan 03, 1926
6 George Gough b: 1874
6 Quinnie Gough
5 George O Green b: May 20, 1874 d: Nov 23, 1952
5 Quinnie Green b: Jun 10, 1876 d: Nov 29, 1952
+William Henry "Parham" Pittman b: Jul 19, 1856 d: Jul 17, 1930
6 Frank Pittman
6 Infant Pittman
6 Robert Pittman
6 Robin Pittman
6 Gordon B Pitman b: 1898 d: Jan 27, 1977
6 Paul Pittman b: 1902
6 Noble Pittman b: 1906
6 Jewell Pittman b: 1908
4 Zarelda Isabelia Evers b: Jan 07, 1842 d: Jul 07, 1907
+James Franklin Copland b: Jan 05, 1838 d: Feb 19, 1862
5 William J. Copland b: Abt. 1860
*2nd Husband of Zarelda Isabelia Evers:
+James R. Covington b: Mar 14, 1835 d: Jun 30, 1894
5 Minnie Covington b: Aug 20, 1864 d: Jun 22, 1946
+Henry A. English b: Oct 1860
5 William Hardin Covington b: Sep 12, 1867 d: Feb 11, 1935
5 James Robert Covington b: Jan 30, 1870 d: Jan 09, 1931
5 Thomas John Covington b: Jan 30, 1870 d: Oct 15, 1942
5 Milano B. Covington b: Sep 10, 1875 d: Aug 05, 1914
5 Edward Harris Covington b: Jun 10, 1877 d: Aug 28, 1944
5 Quitmon C. Covington b: Mar 15, 1880 d: Apr 03, 1947
+Grace Overby b: May 03, 1886 d: Nov 05, 1990
6 Thomas W. Covington b: Mar 15, 1917 d: Jul 02, 1999
+Muriel Long b: Jul 11, 1915 d: Aug 14, 2006
6 Zerela E Covington b: Dec 29, 1915
+J. C. Boyd
*2nd Husband of Zerela E Covington:
+W. Ervin Morgan b: 1905
4 James Albert LaFayette Evers b: Dec 07, 1843 d: Aug 26, 1910
+Ann Eliza McGee b: Apr 02, 1850 d: Dec 30, 1918
5 John Wesley Evers b: Apr 02, 1867 d: Jul 29, 1883
5 Albert Warren Evers b: Dec 07, 1869 d: Jan 11, 1934
+Tressa Myrtle Hitchcock b: Nov 27, 1877 d: Feb 06, 1914
6 Infant Son Evers b: Jul 02, 1898 d: Jul 02, 1898
6 Eunice Mildred Evers b: Abt. 1902
+John H Meyer b: Jan 20, 1896
7 W Warren Meyer b: 1923
7 Evangeline M Meyer b: 1924
7 Florence M Meyer b: 1925
7 J Darrell Meyer b: Feb 03, 1926 d: Feb 1989
7 Anna K Meyer b: 1928
5 Hugh M. Evers b: Sep 11, 1872 d: Oct 08, 1872
5 Eliza Jane Evers b: Sep 11, 1873 d: Sep 04, 1874
5 Cynthia Caroline Evers b: Sep 11, 1875 d: Apr 30, 1953
+Augustus Henry Lippert b: Dec 16, 1871 d: Nov 02, 1955
6 Holly Marcus Lippert b: Oct 30, 1899 d: Jul 16, 1930
+Ruth Madden
7 Leon Lippert
7 Lorene Lippert
7 Floyd Lippert
7 Winnifer Lippert
7 Edwin Aaron Lippert b: Feb 08, 1930 d: May 19, 1930

6 Claude Luther Lippertb: Jun 18, 1901 d: Nov 14, 1974
+Golda Helmig b: Mar 27, 1908 d: Feb 17, 1993
7 Eva June Lippert
7 Doris C. Lippert b: Sep 17, 1931
+Jack Morgan Mace b: Jun 11, 1921 d: Sep 09, 1995
7 Claudia L. Lippert
6 Agnes Esther Lippert b: Aug 11, 1904 d: Aug 27, 1980
+Constantin Cochuba b: Nov 21, 1890 d: Sep 25, 1978
5 James Oliver Evers b: Feb 23, 1878 d: Oct 27, 1926
+Lucy Miller b: Apr 05, 1881 d: May 13, 1964
6 Flossie May Eversb: Feb 26, 1900 d: Dec 18, 1992
+John Russell McIntire b: Oct 09, 1896 d: Dec 15, 1968
7 Marshall McIntire b: Oct 21, 1919 d: Oct 21, 1919
7 James Russell McIntire b: Apr 05, 1921 d: Dec 03, 1925
7 Margaret Lucille McIntireb: Mar 28, 1925
+William South
8 Steve South
8 John South
8 Sharon South
7 Orpha Mildred McIntire b: Feb 11, 1927 d: Nov 23, 2001
+William Caldwell
8 Jayne Caldwell
8 Living Caldwell
8 Living Caldwell
8 Living Caldwell
6 Flora Lucy Evers b: Oct 09, 1901 d: Aug 17, 1991
+George Arthur Colbert
7 George Arthur Colbert
*2nd Husband of Flora Lucy Evers:
+Harry Clary
7 Joan Evers Clary b: Aug 10, 1933 d: May 20, 2007
+John Robert Crisman
8 Rebecca Crisman
+Rod Garvin
9 Nikki Garvin
9 Ashley Garvin
9 Kelsey Garvin
9 Don Garvin
8 Roxanne Crisman
8 James Crisman
+Tina
6 James Leo Evers b: May 07, 1903 d: Feb 15, 1949
+Blanche Mae Blasdel b: Sep 13, 1907 d: Jan 15, 2001
7 Homer Russell Evers b: Sep 06, 1925 d: Sep 02, 1993
+Elizabeth Ross
7 Hellen Evers b: Feb 1928
+Gerchi Bunch
7 James Robert Evers b: 1931
7 Virginia Evers b: 1934
7 Larry Jo Evers b: 1948
6 Clara Hester Evers b: Mar 25, 1905 d: 1995
+Walter Lester Caraker b: Sep 05, 1896 d: Jan 28, 1960
7 Virginia L Caraker b: 1927
7 Sue Carolyn Caraker b: Sep 23, 1934 d: May 28, 1980
+William Eugene Glista b: Aug 19, 1934 d: Aug 10, 2003
8 Billie Glista
8 Kathy Glista
8 Jonathan Glista
8 Jennifer Glista
6 John A. Evers b: Jan 23, 1907 d: Nov 19, 1917
6 Orpha Eliza Evers b: Feb 12, 1909 d: Feb 12, 2001
+Hubert Pumphrey b: Jun 08, 1896 d: Dec 25, 1966
7 W. Howard Pumphrey b: Abt. 1918
6 Jimmie Evers b: Nov 14, 1910 d: Sep 24, 1983
+Ruth Eileen Hoyerb: Aug 10, 1919 d: Oct 02, 2008
7 Patricia Eileen Evers b: Feb 26, 1938 d: Aug 30, 1981
+Bernard Frances O'Donnell
8 Patrick Timothy O'Donnell b: Aug 11, 1960
+Joan Vogel b: Sep 16, 1963
9 Kelsey Marie O'Donnell b: Apr 03, 1993
9 Courtney Ruth O'Donnellb: Nov 09, 1997
8 Jeffrey Lawrence O'Donnell b: Aug 26, 1963
+Shana Lowe b: Sep 30, 1962
9 Samantha Lynn O'Donnell b: Mar 24, 1987
+Matthew Kohler
10 Katelyn Patricia Kohler b: Jun 23, 2007
9 Ian Michael O'Donnell b: Apr 06, 1992
8 Anne Marie O'Donnell b: Sep 15, 1966
+Kevin Erhrmann
9 Patrick Joseph Erhrmann b: Apr 13, 1993
9 Paige Chyanne Erhrmann b: Jan 06, 1999
9 Jordan Lillian Erhrmann b: May 30, 2000
*2nd Husband of Anne Marie O'Donnell:
+[illegible] Perez

9 Carlos Perez b: Oct 09, 2003
7 Barbara Ellen Evers b: Oct 26, 1940
+Terry Beaver Loughman b: Jun 07, 1936 d: Aug 28, 1994
8 Lance Evers Loughman b: Dec 09, 1964
+Leslie Lynn Wohlscheid b: Mar 05, 1964
9 Terran Evers Loughman b: Mar 27, 1999
8 Chad Elliott Loughman b: Mar 09, 1970
+Amy Samaripa
9 James Terry Loughman b: May 24, 2007
*2nd Husband of Barbara Ellen Evers:
+Rod Linder
7 Nancy Ann Evers b: Oct 08, 1946
6 Virgil David Evers b: Dec 03, 1912 d: Oct 22, 1979
+Millie Ann (Farris) Tibbs b: Jan 30, 1919 d: Jul 16, 1997
7 Shirley Ann Evers b: Apr 28, 1944
+//Butler
*2nd Husband of Shirley Ann Evers:
+//Stroup
7 Scott David Evers b: Nov 03, 1946
+Cheryl b: Abt. 1951
7 Jimmie Evers
6 Raymond Russell Evers b: Sep 09, 1917 d: May 24, 1967
+Josephine
7 Ray Evers b: Bef. 1955 d: Bef. 1955
7 Ramona Evers b: 1945
+// Bryant
*2nd Wife of Ramona Evers:
+// Creech
*2nd Wife of Raymond Russell Evers:
+Naomi Delphine (Metzger) Ward b: Jul 26, 1914 d: Mar 22, 2003
7 John Russell Evers b: Dec 26, 1955
5 Luther LaFayette Evers b: Jul 15, 1883 d: Jun 15, 1945
+Mary Ethel Bayless b: Feb 03, 1884 d: Aug 14, 1922
6 Evelyn Marie Evers b: Aug 23, 1906 d: Nov 21, 1929
+John Henry Meyer d: Aft. 1966
7 Robert James Meyer b: Aug 10, 1926 d: Mar 02, 1927
7 George Louis Meyer b: Abt. 1929 d: Jan 2009
6 Pauline Inez Agnes Evers b: Jan 06, 1908 d: Jul 22, 1908
6 James Paul Evers b: Jan 06, 1908 d: Nov 26, 2007
+Florence Jeanette Kennedy b: Apr 15, 1912 d: Jul 21, 1979
7 Georgia Ann Evers b: Mar 22, 1934
+Henry Overturf
8 [1] James Paul Overturf Wiedeman b: Aug 15, 1952
+[2] Jackie Merwin
9 Trena Irene Merwin Wiedeman b: May 01, 1982
+/ Steele
10 Alexis LaRay Steele b: Feb 13, 2001
10 Keegan James Steele b: Mar 18, 2002
*2nd Husband of Trena Irene Merwin Wiedeman:
+/ Ames
10 Quintin Dean Ames b: Sep 14, 2004
9 Georgia Moriah Wiedeman b: Jan 02, 1985
9 Aubrey James Wiedeman b: Sep 26, 1989
*2nd Husband of Georgia Ann Evers:
+Earl H. Wiedeman
8 [1] James Paul Overturf Wiedeman b: Aug 15, 1952
+[2] Jackie Merwin
8 Teresa Ann Wiedeman b: Mar 25, 1959
9 Rachael Nicole Wright b: Oct 20, 1977
+Mark Hornyak b: May 16, 1979
10 Regan Mae Hornyak b: Apr 30, 2007
8 Glenn Earl Wiedeman b: Jan 13, 1961
+Charolotte Derkowski Federowski
9 Bonnie Federowski b: Apr 11, 1977
+Brian Johnson
10 Ada Marie Johnson b: Jul 28, 2003
10 Koda Donald Johnson b: Apr 19, 2008
9 Connie Federowski b: Apr 11, 1977
+Brian Flaherty
10 James Brian Flaherty b: Jan 18, 2000
9 Mary Federowski b: Dec 19, 1978
+Andrew Mix
10 Michael Mix b: Nov 28, 1996
8 Stewart Edward Wiedeman b: Feb 04, 1962
+Rena Crisp
9 Paul Earl Robert Wiedeman b: Feb 23, 1996
9 Sean Glenn Wiedeman b: Jul 11, 2001
*3rd Husband of Georgia Ann Evers:
+Ralph L. Blue
7 Charles Lafayette Evers b: Dec 06, 1940 d: Jun 11, 1944
7 Janice Kay Evers b: Jul 08, 1946
+Stan Brinker
8 Bruce Lynn Brinker b: Mar 15, 1967
+Nichole Faber
9 Ross Brinker
9 Jacob Brinker
9 Nathan Brinker

8 Jeffery Keith Brinker b: Apr 1969
+Kristin Peterson
9 Clay Brinker
9 Callie Brinker
7 Byron Lynn Evers b: Jan 22, 1948
+Brenda S. Baldridge b: Sep 09, 1950
8 Rebecca Michelle Krieg b: Jul 03, 1971
+Phil Sherwood b: Dec 22, 1969
9 Jane Elizabeth Sherwood b: Dec 03, 2003
9 Ronald Arthur Sherwood b: Aug 15, 2005
9 Peter Montgomery Sherwood b: May 17, 2007
9 Susan Michelle Sherwood b: Mar 08, 2009
8 Lloyd James Evers b: Nov 27, 1977
+Nicole Nethrour
9 Corban Jaxon Evers b: Mar 05, 2004
9 Taher Lynn Evers b: Aug 28, 2005
9 Brenan Kay Evers b: Jun 27, 2008
8 Justin Lee Evers b: Jan 09, 1981
+Rebecca Josephine Lopez b: Oct 01, 1974
8 Westley Brian Evers b: Jun 11, 1992
*2nd Wife of James Paul Evers:
+Evelyn Fuqua
6 Mary Frances Evers b: Feb 11, 1909 d: Apr 23, 1983
+Calvin Shelton b: Jan 16, 1903 d: Nov 25, 1966
7 Mary Jim Shelton b: Nov 28, 1935
+Gaylord Hallam Parker b: Nov 02, 1933 d: Feb 08, 1990
8 Lynn Ann Parker b: Nov 16, 1954
+John Wayne Hess
9 Eric Michael Hess b: Mar 18, 1980
9 Blake Parker Hess b: Jul 22, 1982
8 Stuart Wade Parker b: Aug 06, 1963
+Alicia Futrell
*2nd Wife of Stuart Wade Parker:
+Kathryn Thatcher
9 Amanda Marie Parker b: Jul 04, 1991
6 Rolland Evers b: Jun 07, 1911 d: Feb 15, 2002
+Mariam Mildred Walters b: Sep 07, 1915 d: Apr 04, 2002
7 Cynthia Sue Evers b: May 12, 1937
+Ronald W. Sumner b: Jul 10, 1932 d: Mar 01, 2006
*2nd Husband of Cynthia Sue Evers:
+James Howard Yates b: Jan 31, 1936
8 Evelyn Christiane Yates b: Nov 17, 1956
+Steven Donald Worden b: Jul 06, 1954
9 James Stevan Worden b: Feb 27, 1982
9 Katherine Anne Worden b: Nov 24, 1984
+Brandon Neitz b: Apr 19, 1983
10 Micah Kailen Neitz b: Jan 17, 2002
10 Logan Reese Neitz b: Mar 21, 2003
10 Emmalee Hannah Shea Neitz b: Oct 24, 2005
8 Elizabeth Catherine Yates b: Feb 19, 1959
+Jackie Randell Hooker b: Jul 10, 1946 d: Jul 02, 2006
8 Elaine Cathleen Yates b: Aug 18, 1961
+William Earl Snyder
9 Anthony Joseph Snyder b: Aug 15, 1982
9 Ashley Cynthia Snyder b: Dec 27, 1984
+John Rodrigues
7 Ann Elizabeth Evers b: Apr 13, 1939
+Bud Dresser
8 Patrick Jonas Dresser b: Dec 02, 1964
+Debbie Taylor
9 Cody Dresser b: Nov 03, 1989
*2nd Husband of Ann Elizabeth Evers:
+Charles Eichorn
7 Daniel Rolland Evers b: Jun 05, 1940
+Connie Jeannine Barnes
8 Lucinda Jeannine Evers b: Oct 19, 1961
+James Mike Cobb b: May 10, 1959
9 Dana M. Cobb b: Jan 18, 1980
9 Amanda E. Cobb b: Aug 15, 1984
9 James Mason Cobb b: Aug 01, 1986
+Kayle Duke
*2nd Wife of Daniel Rolland Evers:
+Jeanna Wells Brock b: Apr 22, 1968
8 Weil Colton Brock b: Aug 31, 1994
8 Dalton Taylor Brock b: Sep 24, 1996
6 Stelsa Ethel Evers b: Jul 31, 1913 d: May 29, 1994
+Joseph Bray Bryant b: Jul 04, 1912 d: Dec 26, 1966
7 Joseph Bayless Bryant b: Apr 19, 1939
+Virginia Schaffer
8 Christoper Kell Bryant b: May 24, 1960
9 Tessa Nicole Bryant b: Jan 13, 1994
8 Sherri Jo Bryant b: May 13, 1962
8 Melissa Kay Bryant b: Jan 29, 1964
9 Tonya Lynne Bryant b: Jul 07, 1981
9 Tiffany Anne Bryant b: Jul 07, 1981 d: Jul 1981
7 Barbara Jean Bryant b: Mar 08, 1943
6 Vivienne May Evers b: Feb 11, 1916 d: Mar 09, 2002
+Robert D. Bundy
*2nd Husband of Vivienne May Evers:
+Hyman A. Deitch b: 1911 d: Dec 01, 1974
*3rd Husband of Vivienne May Evers:
+Harold David Schulkin b: Jun 06, 1921 d: Feb 07, 1997
6 Helen Ann Evers b: Sep 22, 1918 d: Mar 21, 1971
+Carl Foss

*2nd Husband of Helen Ann Evers:
+Achilles Savoia De Vita b: Oct 25, 1913 d: Nov 17, 1980
7 Ann DeVita b: May 09, 1947 d: May 09, 1947
7 Alfred Savoia De Vita b: Jun 25, 1948 d: Apr 14, 1995
+Andrea Coral Dressce
7 Vivi Frances De Vita b: Nov 11, 1949
+Shawn Michael Garland b: Jan 24, 1949 d: Apr 29, 2003
8 Shawna Garland b: Dec 07, 1979
+Antoian Ronnic Carey
9 Destiny Fath-Ann Carey b: Mar 05, 1998
9 DeShawn Carey b: Nov 27, 2002
7 James Allen De Vita b: Dec 06, 1956
+Grace Elizabeth Berman
8 Jacob De Vita b: May 21, 1979
*2nd Wife of James Allen De Vita:
+Gina Marie Lewis
8 Jessie Lane De Vita b: Dec 11, 1997
7 Margaret Ann De Vita b: 1957 d: 1957
7 Keith Anthony De Vita b: Aug 29, 1960
+Sharon Lee (Albright) Stanworth
6 Benjamin Evers b: Aug 14, 1922 d: Aug 14, 1922
*2nd Wife of Luther LaFayette Evers:
+Nellie H. Trovillion b: Feb 20, 1883 d: Jun 13, 1966
6 Luther Trevelyn Evers b: Jun 25, 1924 d: Aug 24, 1988
+Helen Fraemhs b: Jun 13, 1926 d: Apr 03, 1994
7 Luther Robert Evers b: Feb 01, 1953
+Elizabeth
*2nd Wife of Luther Robert Evers:
+Gina Marie Montone
8 Nicholas Evers b: Aft. 1983
7 Justine Nell Evers b: Aug 07, 1955
+George David Price
8 Robert David Price b: Jul 16, 1972
9 Zack Price b: Aug 10, 1992
9 Emily Price b: Dec 03, 1996
+Laura Lynn Pridgen
9 Joe Pridgen b: Abt. 1997
9 Ashley Pridgen b: Abt. 1999
*2nd Husband of Justine Nell Evers:
+Tracy Freeman
8 Justin Toussaint Freeman b: Jul 20, 1989
8 Traci Charmine Desiree Freeman b: Oct 21, 1992

7 Paul David Evers b: Mar 15, 1959
+Laurie Hoagland b: Jul 10, 1963
8 Ashley Renee Evers b: May 07, 1991
8 Caroline Marie Evers b: Aug 07, 1994
7 Stelsa Evelyn Evers b: Jun 1962
+Victor Allen Carter
8 Jessica Carter
8 Amanda Carter
*2nd Wife of Luther Trevelyn Evers:
+Ana Otarola Bucarey
6 Joseph Calvin Carr Evers b: Dec 17, 1926
+Anna Lee Armstrong b: Sep 13, 1926 d: May 17, 2006
7 Infant Male Evers b: Dec 1951 d: Dec 1951
7 Mark Hasting Evers b: Sep 08, 1953
+Mary Louise Parks b: Feb 16, 1955
8 Miriam Michelle Evers b: Sep 29, 1978
+Nathan Albert Walker b: Feb 26, 1977
9 Zackary Walker b: Apr 23, 2004 d: Apr 23, 2004
9 Lillian Chin Walker b: Aug 15, 2005
9 Hannah Rose Walker b: Apr 28, 2007
8 Justin Eric Evers b: Jun 19, 1980
8 Jareth Armstrong Evers b: Jun 12, 1987
7 Dan Wesley Evers b: Jul 04, 1956
+Bridget Ann Gregg
7 Jane Ann Evers b: Mar 19, 1958
+Richard Joseph Comeau II b: Nov 27, 1957 d: Mar 31, 2001
8 Richard Daniel Comeau III b: May 25, 1992
*2nd Wife of Joseph Calvin Carr Evers:
+Karen Way Sannerb: Nov 04, 1939
7 Kevin Dean Draper Evers b: Oct 11, 1966
+Debra Marlene Taylor
*2nd Wife of Kevin Dean Draper Evers:
+Carla Jo Schlobohm b: Nov 03, 1969
8 Kyle Matthew Koland Evers b: Dec 06, 1997
8 Chad Michael Javon Evers b: Apr 13, 1999
8 Christopher Joel Evers b: Dec 01, 2000
8 Chloe Evers b: Oct 11, 2002
7 Karmen Way Draper Evers b: Oct 23, 1969
+Douglas Scott Birdsell b: Sep 24, 1965
8 Kalyssa Way Birdsell b: Jul 12, 1996
8 Kaleb Scott Birdsell b: Jun 29, 1999
6 Harriett Hester Evers b: Sep 25, 1928 d: Feb 24, 2005
+Jesse Oscar Weaver b: Aug 28, 1925 d: Sep 30, 1984
7 Sharon Kaye Weaver b: Mar 09, 1949
+Celso Auerlio Brizuela b: Jul 28, 1942
8 Ariana Melody Shasta Brizuela b: Jan 15, 1986
8 Brenn Roderick Brizuela b: Mar 06, 1988
7 Leni Harriett Weaver b: Feb 18, 1950
+Luciano Ramon Fernandez b: Dec 13, 1945
8 Oscar Ramon Fernandez b: Jun 09, 1968

+Simone Grummt
8 Lucia Harriett Fernandez b: Oct 28, 1971
+Luis Fernando Tilano b: Feb 28, 1962
9 Luis Fernando Jr. Tilano b: Feb 28, 1994
8 Joenna Maria Fernandez b: Feb 29, 1976
+Alejandro Javier Diaz
9 Priscila Kay Diaz b: Jan 06, 2003
9 Gabriela Paola Diaz b: Jan 06, 2003
8 Cristina Kay Fernandez b: Dec 23, 1977
+Denis Formby
9 Adriana Denise Formby-Fernandez b: Oct 25, 1997

*1st Husband of Cristina Kay Fernandez:
+Anthony Manuel Suarez b: May 12, 1967
9 Solenia Kay Suarez b: Jan 21, 2008
7 MaryNelle (Marinel) Weaver b: Oct 03, 1954
8 Jonelle Virginia Cristina Weaver b: Jan 08, 2000
7 Frank Luther Weaver b: Jun 10, 1956
+Maria Ramona Espinola b: Nov 01, 1958
8 Melissa Nelle Weaver b: Jul 18, 1976
8 Jesse Daniel Weaver b: Dec 31, 1980
+Elena Aparecida Fernandez Prieto b: Aug 19, 1979
9 Frank Federico Weaver b: Jan 31, 2000
8 Sharon Jane Weaver b: Aug 10, 1983
8 Michael Clever Weaver b: Mar 17, 1992
7 James Paul Weaver b: Feb 14, 1957 d: Feb 15, 1957
7 Joseph Evers Weaver b: Mar 24, 1959
+Sonia Cristina Vasconcelos b: Jun 08, 1956
8 Jackson Fernando Weaver
8 Frank Oscar Weaver b: Mar 04, 1981
8 James Joseph Weaver b: Jun 11, 1986
7 Jessica Lucille Weaver b: Feb 16, 1962
+Michael David Kelch b: Mar 03, 1956
8 Michael Jake Kelch b: Nov 15, 2002
5 Harriett Hester Evers b: Sep 21, 1886 d: Mar 12, 1958
+Jay Darrel Ferguson b: Nov 28, 1884 d: Mar 25, 1946
6 Darrell Horatio Ferguson b: Feb 21, 1910 d: Nov 17, 2004
+Gladys Catherine Mescher b: Sep 12, 1910 d: Jan 04, 1992
6 Orville Blaine Ferguson b: Nov 10, 1912 d: Jun 28, 1914
6 Beatrice Kathleen Ferguson b: Oct 02, 1914
+George Racey
7 Barbara J. Racey
7 Wanda L. Racey
7 James L. Racey
7 Ann E. Racey
7 Ruth E. Racey
6 James Marsel Ferguson b: Dec 30, 1918 d: Apr 26, 1987
+Dorothy Merchant
7 Shawn Elaine Ferguson b: Dec 13, 1945
6 Laura Ann Ferguson b: Jan 11, 1922 d: Apr 07, 1993
+Clifford Meyer b: 1917 d: Nov 14, 1998
7 Carl Dean Meyer
7 Jerry Dale Meyer
*2nd Husband of Laura Ann Ferguson:
+? McKinney
6 Lyle Dean Ferguson b: Aug 05, 1924 d: Jul 29, 1995
+Mildred Laverne Smith b: Bef. 1940
7 Darrell Dean Ferguson b: Apr 14, 1958
+Veronica Gutierrez b: 1959
7 David James Ferguson b: Nov 07, 1960
6 Lallah Jean Ferguson b: Aug 05, 1924 d: Dec 10, 2006
+Barnard L. Spurlock b: Nov 04, 1921 d: Oct 31, 2005
7 Anita Spurlock b: Aft. 1941
8 Bryant Scott Hileman b: Apr 11, 1981
+/ Wyant
5 Hubert Huffman Evers b: Jul 26, 1893 d: Feb 26, 1963
+Clara Whitelock b: Nov 25, 1893
6 Cynthia Eleanor Evers b: Mar 11, 1913 d: Jan 01, 1978
+Jesse Bostick
7 James Bostick b: Aft. 1930
7 Infant Bostick b: Aft. 1930
7 Eleanor Bostick b: Aft. 1930
6 Sarah Hester Evers b: Apr 20, 1915
+Robert Foster
*2nd Wife of Hubert Huffman Evers:
+Frances Kortz b: 1894
6 Josephine Evers b: Abt. 1921
+Donald Knapp
6 Charles H. Evers b: Aug 28, 1923 d: Feb 29, 2004
+Dolores Martozie
*2nd Wife of Charles H. Evers:
+Ruth Dawson
7 Marian Evers
+/ Wagner
7 Cynthia Evers d: Abt. 2003
+/ Korman
8 Daniel Korman
6 Marjorie Ann Evers b: Aug 1931
+E. Richard Steere b: Mar 02, 1927

7 Richard Steere b: 1953
+Jackie
8 Rachel Steere b: Abt. 1990
8 Riker Steere b: Abt. 1996
8 Reve Steere b: Abt. 1997
8 Rilely Steere b: Abt. 1998
7 Gary Steere b: 1956
+Kathy
8 Brian Steere b: Abt. 1985
8 Laura Steere b: Abt. 1988
8 Eric Steere b: Abt. 1988
4 Nancy Minerva Evers b: Jun 21, 1846 d: Oct 22, 1888
+Jacob Calvin Peeler b: Jul 22, 1839 d: Dec 03, 1901
5 Arthur Peeler b: Abt. 1863
5 Cyntha J. Peeler b: Aug 20, 1866 d: Jun 20, 1902
+Nathan Bridges b: Sep 10, 1861 d: Apr 02, 1897
6 Minnie E Bridges b: Sep 1884
6 Nannie I Bridges b: Apr 1887
6 Oma L Bridges b: Jan 01, 1890 d: Apr 14, 1969
6 Jula A Bridges b: May 1892
*2nd Husband of Cyntha J. Peeler:
+John W. George b: Jul 10, 1867d: Nov 16, 1934
5 Alexander Julus Peeler b: Abt. 1868
+Louisa Davis b: May 30, 1870 d: Oct 17, 1904
6 Orva Peeler Peeler b: Abt. 1896
6 Arthur J Peelerb: Abt. 1898
*2nd Wife of Alexander Julus Peeler:
+Maggie//
5 Abram Peeler b: May 13, 1870 d: Jun 27, 1870
5 Jacob C. Peeler b: Oct 13, 1871 d: Aug 19, 1948
+Rela Belle Mowery b: Feb 13, 1873 d: Mar 31, 1952
6 Roy Peeler b: Nov 29, 1893 d: Dec 13, 1893
6 Verna Peeler b: Oct 1895 d: Jan 20, 1981
+Dallas F Adams b: Oct 14, 1894 d: Dec 07, 1950
*2nd Husband of Verna Peeler:
+Leonard McCarthy
6 Lewis Glen Peeler b: Mar 10, 1897 d: Jul 23, 1897
6 Lois Gladys Peeler b: Mar 10, 1897 d: Jun 28, 1973
+Joseph Clyde Buford b: Dec 02, 1894 d: Aug 06, 1972
7 Joseph C Buford b: Jun 30, 1920 d: Jan 30, 2000
6 Infant Peeler b: May 26, 1901 d: May 26, 1901
6 Loren Thurman Peeler b: Jul 27, 1903d: May 04, 1964
5 Oma Peeler b: Nov 1875
+John William Moore b: Jan 1871 d: Apr 15, 1927
6 Ernestine Moore b: Jun 20, 1906 d: Sep 26, 1998
+Lawrence Taylor Sogard b: Jun 26, 1901 d: Oct 17, 1992
7 Ralph John Sogard
+Susanne Elliott
8 Katherine Taylor Sogard b: Oct 09, 1963 d: Jul 28, 2001
8 / Sogard
+/Paine
9 Living 1 Sogard
9 Living 2 Sogard
9 Living 3 Sogard
8 / Sogard
+Laura Bailey b: Apr 06, 1919
9 Living 4 Sogard
6 Johnathan C. Moore b: Dec 1909
6 Jean Moore b: Dec 1909
5 John Peeler b: Jun 08, 1876
+Ellen ///
5 Annie Peeler b: Abt. 1878
5 Ethel Peeler b: Oct 23, 1882 d: Dec 09, 1882
4 John Wesley H. Evers b: Dec 03, 1848 d: Oct 06, 1920
+Quinetta Jett b: Mar 08, 1858 d: Sep 02, 1926
5 Myrtle Evers b: Sep 13, 1876 d: 1963
+George Albert Davis b: Mar 07, 1875 d: Jul 29, 1922
6 Carrie Valora Davis b: Oct 05, 1900 d: May 21, 1982
+Ira Rankin b: Oct 06, 1897 d: Feb 16, 1970
6 Helen Quinetta Isabella Davis b: Apr 16, 1906
6 Robbie Davis b: Abt. 1911
6 Mary Davis b: Abt. 1912
6 George Davis b: Abt. 1913
6 Jack M Davis b: 1916
*2nd Husband of Myrtle Evers:
+Fred Wetterquist b: Abt. 1885
5 Carrie Evers b: Apr 1878 d: Bef. 1880
5 Robbie Evers b: Mar 08, 1880 d: Nov 22, 1902
5 Maurice Jett Evers b: Dec 20, 1895 d: Mar 1967
+Delia M. b: Oct 06, 1907 d: Sep 1972
6 Wesley L. Evers b: Sep 15, 1928 d: Feb 27, 2003
+Beverly Joyce Datema
7 John Evers
7 Brenda Evers

7 Marsha Evers
7 Gail Evers
4 Harriet Catherine Evers b: Mar 20, 1852
+William Frank Willis b: Jan 26, 1851 d: May 06, 1925
5 Linda May Willis b: Feb 09, 1874
+W A McComb b: Nov 1861
6 Catherine McComb b: Nov 1899
6 Agnes May McComb b: 1901
5 Maggie O Willis b: Oct 15, 1876
5 Agnes Willis b: Dec 1879
5 Eureka Belle Willis b: Jun 02, 1881 d: Oct 14, 1956
+Frank A Gleason b: 1874
5 Laura Willis b: Oct 1883
+Patrick Henry Moody b: Aug 10, 1882
6 Mary Catherine Moody b: 1912
6 Daris Moody b: 1918
6 Anabel Moody b: 1923
5 Besse Blanche Willis b: Apr 1886
+William Gunther McCullam b: Jul 15, 1889d: Aug 06, 1958
6 William F. McCullam b: Abt. 1913
6 Kenneth Evers McCullamb: Feb 09, 1918 d: Feb 19, 1982
+Frances Elizabeth Sneed b: Feb 24, 1917 d: Aug 14, 2007
7 Valerie Sue McCullam
+Max Akami
7 Carol Joan McCullam
+Vito Home
7 Barbara Jo McCullam
6 Robert Gunther McCullam b: Abt. 1919
*2nd Husband of Besse Blanche Willis:
+John B Sumner
5 Frank Willis b: Oct 12, 1889
*2nd Wife of John Alexander Evers:
+Mary Isabella Alexander
3 Matilda Evers b: Abt. 1816
+Otho D. Grimes b: 1815 d: 1879
4 William Frank Grimes b: Abt. 1837
4 Caroline Grimes b: 1840
+William Riley Perryman b: 1824
5 Matilda J. Perryman b: Abt. 1860
3 Joseph Nathan Evers b: Mar 18, 1819 d: Aft. Jul 28, 1870
+Elizabeth Ramey b: Nov 16, 1818 d: Aft. Jul 28, 1870
4 James Robert Evers b: Aug 05, 1846 d: Jan 20, 1938
+Charlotte Copland b: 1847 d: Mar 31, 1937
5 Martha Evers
5 William Francis Eversb: Dec 24, 1866 d: Mar 06, 1940
+Mary A Greer d: Jun 26, 1890
6 Unnamed Son Evers b: Oct 20, 1887
6 Donnie Bell Eversb: Jun 16, 1890 d: Mar 09, 1939
*2nd Wife of William Francis Evers:
+Sarah Ellen Morgan b: Nov 25, 1876 d: Mar 20, 1935
6 Beulah Fern Eversb: Nov 1898 d: Aug 28, 1964
+Frederick Lee Price b: Jul 07, 1890 d: May 08, 1970
7 Harry Archie Price
7 Thomas Lee Price
6 James William Evers b: Jan 11, 1901 d: Jul 11, 1979
+Blanche Esther Allen b: Sep 28, 1907 d: Dec 27, 1987
7 James Victor Evers b: Dec 21, 1938 d: Dec 27, 1938
7 Owen Evers b: Dec 12, 1939 d: Dec 13, 1996
+Henrietta Jones
8 Owen Eugene Evers
8 Mike Todd Evers
+Lisa M. Palmer
7 Lewis R. Evers b: Feb 13, 1942 d: Dec 31, 2001
8 Richard Evers
8 Rebecca Evers
7 Linda S Evers b: Dec 05, 1943 d: Bef. 1996
+// Jordan
6 Charles C. Evers b: Oct 02, 1903 d: May 1952
+Ada G. b: 1914 d: 1977
6 Albert Howel Evers b: Mar 27, 1907 d: May 07, 1985
+Agnes Adeline Hayes b: Dec 21, 1912 d: Jul 15, 1984
7 Alberta Evers
7 Loyce Evers
7 Joyce Evers
6 John Franklin Evers b: Dec 16, 1909 d: Mar 1978
+Lizzie Allen
6 Violet Fay Evers b: Nov 10, 1913
5 Elizabeth Catherine Eversb: Apr 20, 1870 d: Aug 21, 1962
+John D. Reese b: Abt. 1863
*2nd Husband of Elizabeth Catherine Evers:
+John I Downin
*3rd Husband of Elizabeth Catherine Evers:
+Augustus Willard Farrb: 1865 d: Nov 23, 1943
5 John Robert Eversb: Dec 23, 1874 d: Dec 12,

1949
+Laura Ida Burns b: Aug 31, 1874 d: Aug 03, 1915
6 Paul V Evers b: Nov 26, 1894 d: May 06, 1937
+Mary Evers b: 1893 d: Jun 05, 1950
6 Seth Evers b: Dec 15, 1896 d: Jul 1972
+Sylvia Snell d: Jun 30, 1918
7 Charles Robert Evers b: Jul 26, 1916 d: Feb 19, 2008
+Lu Dean Lentz b: Sep 28, 1923 d: Feb 11, 1999
8 Solita Kay Evers b: Aug 26, 1947
+Richard Mathis
9 Christie Mathis b: Aug 28, 1968
9 Chris Mathis b: Dec 07, 1970
8 Roberta Lentz Evers b: Jul 27, 1952
+Jerry Gunn b: Feb 1943
9 Jay Gunn b: Mar 22, 1978
9 Jennifer Gunn b: Jun 04, 1982
7 Female Stillborn Evers b: Jun 30, 1918 d: Jun 30, 1918
*2nd Wife of Seth Evers:
+Laura F Wilson b: 1904
7 John L Evers b: 1928
7 David Evers b: 1929
6 James Vivian Evers b: Jan 31, 1899 d: Aug 1965
7 Robert C Evers b: 1916
+Minnie Allen b: Mar 1900
6 Madge Evers b: Jan 20, 1902
+Louis H. Mathis b: 1896
*2nd Husband of Madge Evers:
+Herman Clapper
*2nd Wife of John Robert Evers:
+Ivo L. Rhymer b: Oct 27, 1888 d: Nov 03, 1964
5 Rolla Porter Evers b: Jul 25, 1877 d: Jun 05, 1932
+Elizabeth Eleanor Johnson
5 Adolphus Linn Evers b: Aug 29, 1880 d: Aug 26, 1942
+Cornealia Bertha Morgan b: Jun 14, 1884
6 Rudell Evers b: Jul 15, 1903
6 Beulah Maude Evers b: Jan 07, 1906 d: Aug 08, 1908
6 Ethel Evers b: May 16, 1908
5 Maude Evers b: Jun 16, 1883 d: Aug 15, 1965
+Thomas Poulson b: Nov 16, 1875 d: 1940
5 James Hal Evers b: Jul 17, 1889 d: Jan 20, 1938
+Naomi B. Hammond b: Abt. 1889
6 Willard Owen Evers b: Jan 06, 1908 d: May 1967
4 George Washington Evers b: Feb 22, 1848 d: Mar 21, 1921
+Martha Moss
*2nd Wife of George Washington Evers:
+Martha Helen Copland b: Feb 17, 1856
5 Ethel Evers b: Jan 08, 1880 d: Oct 20, 1930
+William Joshua Wright b: 1860 d: Jul 25, 1925
5 Charles Robert Evers b: Jan 09, 1877 d: Jan 09, 1950
+Lillie Maud Williams b: Mar 01, 1881 d: Feb 11, 1958
6 Nellie May Evers b: Jan 26, 1896 d: Oct 25, 1954
+Chris Milton Wise b: Jan 06, 1890 d: Jul 31, 1930
7 Edward Wayne Wise b: Feb 03, 1915 d: Dec 13, 1942
7 Charles Milton Wise b: Jan 22, 1922 d: Jan 22, 1922
*2nd Husband of Nellie May Evers:
+John Seitz
6 George Washington Evers b: Feb 22, 1898 d: Apr 11, 1901
6 Samuel Ward Evers b: Apr 07, 1900 d: Dec 12, 1969
+Mary A. Donavon b: Sep 06, 1905 d: Jul 22, 1996
7 Donovan Charles Evers b: 1926
+Elaine Dassing
8 Donna Evers
+Dan Bowlin
8 Gail Evers
+David Oakes
7 Marien Evers b: Stillborn d: Stillborn
6 Charles Robert Evers b: Aug 30, 1902 d: Apr 20, 1904
6 Fannie Helen Evers b: Jan 01, 1906 d: Jul 07, 1907
6 Harry Owen Evers, Sr b: Aug 31, 1910 d: Sep 23, 1979
+Ruth Evelyn David b: Dec 11, 1911 d: May 03, 1997
7 Harry Owen Evers, Jr. b: Nov 03, 1933
+Faye Diamond b: Mar 11, 1932 d: May 01, 2002
8 Kelly Ann Evers b: Sep 12, 1955
+Victor Lee Strozier, Jr. b: Apr 25, 1954
*2nd Husband of Kelly Ann Evers:
+Nickolas Theodore Gruber b: May 28, 1953
9 Jarrod Theodore Gruber b: Feb 19, 1977
+Shelsea Whitmire
9 Lauren Elaine Gruber b: Apr 23, 1983
8 Kim Elaine Evers b: Sep 08, 1957
+Jeffrey Lynn Henry b: Oct 31, 1956 d: 1995
9 Jacob Sean Henry b: Nov 20, 1979
*2nd Husband of Kim Elaine Evers:
+John David Scales b: Jun 06, 1960
8 Harry Owen Evers III b: Oct 05, 1960
+Cynthia Juanita West b: Apr 21, 1962

9 Taylor Alexandra Evers b: Nov 20, 1990
9 Caitlin Victoria Evers b: Mar 06, 1992
*2nd Wife of Harry Owen Evers III:
+Amber Richardson b: Dec 07, 1971
7 Charles David Evers b: Sep 17, 1938
+Betty Jo Pennington b: Jun 03, 1938
8 Charles David Evers II b: Dec 11, 1960
+Kim Stampler b: 1961
*2nd Wife of Charles David Evers II:
+Catherine Lynn Etz b: Jul 01, 1961
9 Kelsey Ann Evers b: Jan 17, 1990
9 Michelle Lynn Evers b: Oct 08, 1992
8 Daniel Nathan Evers
+Rebecca Ann Woods b: 1962
*2nd Wife of Daniel Nathan Evers:
+Lori Smith b: Nov 09, 1970
9 Daniel Jeffery Evers b: Aug 12, 1996
9 Joshua Nathan Evers b: Jun 26, 1998
9 Brittney Aspen Evers b: Feb 19, 2001
7 Martha Ellen Evers b: Aug 20, 1942
+Kenneth House b: Jul 27, 1939
7 George Edward Evers b: Nov 02, 1944
+Mary Angeline Hannan b: Jun 07, 1955
8 Jessica Nicole Evers b: Sep 30, 1980
9 Joshua Lee Evers b: Jan 06, 2001
9 Lillian Faith Evers b: Nov 02, 2003
8 Jeremy Kyle Evers b: Jun 14, 1982
5 Fannie Helen Evers b: Jan 01, 1906 d: Jul 07, 1907
5 Clara May Evers b: Nov 23, 1874 d: 1954
+Charles Marshall b: Sep 1863 d: Sep 25, 1945
6 William Forman Marshall b: May 20, 1899 d: Mar 1978
*3rd Wife of George Washington Evers:
+Caroline Dugger b: 1848
*4th Wife of George Washington Evers:
+Hester I. Thompson b: 1865 d: 1945
5 Jesse W. Evers b: Apr 03, 1889 d: May 22, 1945
+Gertrude Agnes Priestly b: Dec 13, 1885 d: Oct 23, 1966
6 Mildred Marie Evers b: Aug 21, 1915 d: May 14, 1993
+Gilbert Fahrenkamp b: 1912
*2nd Husband of Mildred Marie Evers:
+Kenneth B Decker b: Jul 30, 1910 d: Sep 22, 2000
6 Virginia Dale Evers b: May 29, 1917
+Joseph N Simmons b: 1918
7 Louis Simmons
7 George Simmons
6 George W Evers b: 1922
6 Edward Warren Evers b: Jul 12, 1926 d: Jul 12, 1926
5 Monte R. Evers b: Jan 10, 1903
+Robert S Powell b: 1898
6 William R Powell b: 1922
6 Clara S Powell b: 1924
6 Leneve D Powell b: 1926
4 Martha M Evers b: Apr 15, 1850 d: Oct 30, 1870
4 Joseph Nathan Evers b: Dec 11, 1851 d: Sep 21, 1857
4 William Benjamin Evers b: Apr 15, 1853 d: 1914
+Virginia Alice Lancaster
5 James Benjamin Evers b: Aug 08, 1873 d: Sep 27, 1957
+Mary Louise Mellein b: Nov 18, 1880 d: Sep 24, 1961
6 Sidney Raymond Evers b: Jan 18, 1898 d: Oct 19, 1989
+Myrtle M Evers b: 1904
6 Carl Robert Evers b: Aug 18, 1901 d: 1991
+Bertie Abbott b: Aug 24, 1903 d: 1969
7 James Eugene Evers b: Aug 25, 1937
6 Catherine Elizabeth Evers b: Jul 02, 1908
5 Cynthia B. Evers b: 1876
+Harvey A. Morse b: Abt. 1866
5 Elijah Nathan Evers b: Sep 19, 1880 d: May 09, 1938
+Maggie Finchen
6 Flossie Gertrude Evers b: Sep 19, 1906
*2nd Wife of William Benjamin Evers:
+Tennessee Daniels b: Abt. 1859
*3rd Wife of William Benjamin Evers:
+Amanda E. Jaynes b: Apr 1865 d: Apr 22, 1945
5 William Clarence Evers b: Aug 25, 1886
5 Harry Chester Evers b: Aug 03, 1888 d: Jan 1967
+Sergie Etta Hammond b: Feb 23, 1891 d: Oct 17, 1929
6 Jewel Sidrid Evers b: Mar 21, 1908
+Robert L. Bellamey b: Abt. 1908
6 Mary Elizabeth Evers b: Dec 24, 1909
6 Joseph Ross Evers b: Apr 02, 1915 d: Oct 10, 2008
5 Dessie Mabel Evers b: Feb 12, 1890
5 Georgia Anne Evers b: Dec 20, 1891
5 Lewis Franklin Evers b: Aug 12, 1896
+Ada Evers b: 1900
6 Beverly Evers b: 1925
6 Lewis Evers, Jr. b: Apr 04, 1927
6 William Evers b: 1929
5 Ray Marshall Evers b: Jan 01, 1900
+Allie Pearl Evans b: Aug 27, 1900 d: Jan 16, 1991
6 Jack Dee Evers b: Dec 22, 1923 d: Jun 1986
+Emelyn Reva Whiteside b: Dec 29, 1921 d: Jun 26, 2007
7 Jackie Lee Evers

+Billy Greenwood
8 Sherry Lyn Greenwood
8 William Lee Greenwood
7 Judith Ann Evers
+Jerry Douglas Huckleberry
8 Jerri Ann Huckleberry
8 Jason Douglas Huckleberry
8 Jeniece Lyn Huckleberry
7 Jimmie Dee Evers b: Jan 07, 1955 d: Dec 11, 1993
+KaSandra Sue Harp
8 Justin Joshua Evers
7 Jancie Pearl Evers
+Larry Jay Dalton
8 Larry Jay Dalton
8 Charles Robert Dalton
6 Jim Evers
5 Edith Gaynell Evers b: Aug 03, 1902 d: Sep 23, 1999
5 Iola Chlore Evers b: Jan 24, 1908
4 Nancy J. Evers b: Oct 06, 1854
4 Cintha E. Evers b: Dec 08, 1856
4 Elizabeth M. Evers b: May 1865
*2nd Wife of Joseph Nathan Evers:
+Susan Roberts b: Abt. 1835

Descendants of Phillip Eavers

Generation No. 1

1. PHILLIP[1] EAVERS

Child of PHILLIP EAVERS is:

2. i. WILLIAM[2] EVERS, b. Abt. 1770, East Pennsborough Twp. Cumberland County, Pennsylvania; d. Aft. 1830.

Generation No. 2

2. WILLIAM[2] EVERS *(PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Abt. 1770 in East Pennsborough Twp, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, and died Aft. 1830. He married CAROLINE JANE ALEXANDER 1789 in Pennsylvania.
I have found a William Evers listed in Connoquenessing Township, Butler County, Pennsylvania in the 1803 Tax List. Need to verify further if this is our Wm. Evers as this one has 400 acres of land.
Approx. date of birth for William was information submitted by Delphia Clark Platzek to Illinois State Genealogical Society Ancestry Chart on May 8, 1986.

Children of WILLIAM EVERS and CAROLINE ALEXANDER are:

i. WILLIAM[3] EVERS, b. Abt. 1790, Pennsylvania.
Information received that this William Evers served in the War of 1812. He was a Mississippi Riverboat Pilot and settled in New Orleans. This hasn't been verified, but list for the purpose of the book.

ii. JANE EVERS, b. Abt. 1795, Pennsylvania; m. PETER ROBERTS; b. Abt. 1800.
Information received that this Jane Evers married Mississippi River Steamboat Captain Roberts and lived in Evansville, Indiana. This hasn't been verified, but list for the purpose of the book.

3. iii. JAMES ROBERT EVERS, b. 1803, Pennsylvania; d. Aft. 1880.

4. iv. JOHN ALEXANDER EVERS, b. May 14, 1806, Pennsylvania; d. Oct 04, 1868, Massac County, Illinois.

5. v. MATILDA EVERS, b. Abt. 1816.

6. vi. JOSEPH NATHAN EVERS, b. Mar 18, 1819, Kentucky; d. Aft. Jul 28, 1870.

Generation No. 3

3. JAMES ROBERT[3] EVERS *(WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born 1803 in Pennsylvania, and died Aft. 1880. He married (1) LANCEY (NANCY) LEHNAN. She was born in Kentucky. He married (2) AMANDA // Aft. 1850.

More About JAMES ROBERT EVERS:
Census 1: 1830, McCracken County, Kentucky
Census 2: 1840, Graves County, Kentucky
Census 3: 1850, Graves County, Kentucky
Census 4: 1860, Grand Chain, Pulaski County, Illinois
Census 5: 1870, Pulaski County, Illinois
Tax List 1: 1841, Graves County, Kentucky[1]
Tax List 2: 1840, 220 acres on Mayfield Creek, Graves County, Kentucky

Children of JAMES EVERS and LANCEY LEHNAN are:

7. i. JANE[4] EVERS, b. Abt. 1835, Missouri; d. Aft. 1880.
8. ii. WILLIAM W. EVERS, b. Abt. 1843, Kentucky; d. Apr 18, 1880, Pulaski County, Illinois.
9. iii. VOLNEY CICERO EVERS, b. Aug 24, 1849, Paducah, McCracken County, Kentucky; d. Jan 09, 1919, Seattle General Hospital, King County, Seattle, Washington.

4. JOHN ALEXANDER[3] EVERS *(WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born May 14, 1806 in Pennsylvania, and died Oct 04, 1868 in Massac County, Illinois. He married (1) CYNTHIA BROOKSHIRE Nov 01, 1827[2], daughter of HENRY BROOKSHIRE and DELPHIA COFFEY. She was born Aug 14, 1811 in North Carolina, and died Sep 30, 1865 in Massac County, Illinois. He married (2) MARY ISABELLA ALEXANDER Jan 08, 1866 in Pulaski County, Illinois[3].

Notes for JOHN ALEXANDER EVERS:
Reference: Place of birth listed in the LDS church as Albany, Delaware County, Indiana although John and James, his brother, stated on Federal Census that they were born in Pennsylvania. Delphia Platzek listed John's POB as New Albany, Indiana which is across the river from Louisville, Kentucky

Letter written by John Alexander Evers addressed to his wife's half-sister and her husband in December 1857. A copy was given to me by William Harmon from Texas. In the letter is mentioned is Lynn Boyd Boaz, who was the gentleman that

was the author of the Massac County Diary that was in the January - March 1976 Saga Issue of the Genealogical Society of Southern Illinois.

Dear Brother & Sister
I now take the opportunity of writing to you to inform you that last week's mail brought your letter to us dated Nov 5 just one month previous to my writing. We waited long & anxiously looked for you to write to us. & you may besure we were glad to hear from you & to hear that you were all well & pleased with your country dear brother & sister I have much to write to you but I hardly know what to write. I will first say we are through the blessing of our heavenly father at this time in tolerable good health, tho, our children through the latter part, & the summer & fall has had the chills & fevers, considerable, yet we have abundant reason to thank God for his many mercies to us that we are all still on the Land of the Living while many of our friends since we saw you last has been called to Eternity. Your sister, Cynthia, & myself has enjoyed our health quite well since we moved here, she went over to Ky in July, her & James Albert & staid some time with the children over there she also went to see your father & mother. The old man seemed quite glad to see her they were well. Calvin Ray & Margaret was over to see us some time the latter part of Oct. Calvin left Margaret with us until he went to Louisville & back again. He went after Dry goods, he is Merchandising in Marshall ever since last spring. He is doing well. Wm & Nancy left here last Monday they staid with us more than a week they have a sweet little daughter. They call her Mary Francis she can begin to get up by a chair she is very pretty you may besure I think, with a dimple in her cheek when she laughs. They told us all the rest of from J.C. Green, he stated they were all well & that Roland & Louisa had a son born to them about the 9th of last month & that they were very proud of their boy, well I will now inform you that Caroline & Joshua Copland has a son born to them some time in Oct. quite a promising babe the call him David Alexander, the last name is after me. (tho you had forgot it) Zarelda is still ours lively & cheerful as a lark, James Boaz & Martha was well tho the children had been having chills Martha has had an other son since you moved they call him Lynn Boyd, so you see we have only 13 living & 2 dead grandchildren and Cynthia is only 47 last August Brother James & family are tolerable well at this time the health of the country is getting better you Uncle Milton has sold out & moved down to La. F.V. Dupree has sold out & was on the

eve of moving when William & Nancy was over they are going to Jefferson Co, Arkansas near where Delphia & Seaburn lives. I suppose Peter Hunter has bought land there & moved to it Peter & Cis has a son. John Brookshire has also bought land there Now Dear William & Sister Sally I know you often feel lonesome & wish to see your old friends & those you love & esteem I know it is so with us, but our lots is cast far distant from each other & tho we may never meet, those of our loved ones on earth again that we parted with a few short months ago. Let us so live that we may meet around our fathers throne in heaven
Dear Sis, recollect there is ??? for all those that love & serve God & tho away from the land of your Nativity yet the care & the eye of the blessed Lord is upon you. It matters not where this frail body of ours shall rest whether in Texas, Ky or Illinois the Lord is everywhere present, with his people. & the way to Heaven is plain, it was purchased through the blood of the blessed Lord, that we by grace through in his name might be saved, I would say to you sister if you have not joined the church you ought for God instituted the church for his people then it was for there spiritual well fare that the church was instituted. Now Brother Wm, let me say it may be for the last time in this life. I would with all a brothers love invite you to the Savior. By repentance to word God & faith in the Lord Jesus Christ you may find rest. O delay not. Heaven & Immortal glory is worth seeking after he says now is the day of Salvation if you hear his voice harden not your heart you can not be happy here nor hereafter without the religion of Christ or a new heart. Love to God & love to man & the indwelling of his holly spirit testifying with your spirit that you are a child of God yea an heir of God & a joint heir of Jesus Christ, then it is Joy and peace springs up & we are armed & fortified by grace to bear up under ills & trials of life continually expecting a better inheritance beyond this vail of tears where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are forever at rest.
I may weary you with my long letters but it may be my last. I will retell a circumstance that took place less than two weeks ago a young man living 1 ½ or two miles off from us was taken violently sick some days previous to his sending for me and brother James. One night about 9 or 10 oclock I was called up out of bed to go and see him, Brother James & myself went hardly expecting to see him alive, but he was alive & told us he was going to die & that he wanted a little help to get out of this world right. He wanted us to pray for him, we recommended him to the Savior, brother then addressed a throne of Grace in the dieing mans

behalf after which your unworthy brother besought God in mercy to hear prayer & give evidence of acceptance & dieing grace he express col a willingess to die & perfectly resigned I send my love to the children God bless them, we want to see you all but never expect to in this life write often as you can I will say to Little Newton Never forget what your uncle John A Evers told you. Think of it often Heaven is a sweet place of rest, the Christians home the place where Jesus is, that Jesus said suffer little children to come unto me & forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of heaven. I have made some blunders in spelling this leaves us well this Tuesday morning Dec 7th write .... for you moved from S.M. Leeman & how far from red river.

We remain your Brother & Sister Affectionately William and Sarah McClure
John A. Evers Cynthia Evers

P.S. the young man died next morning

More About JOHN ALEXANDER EVERS:
Date born 2: May 14, 1806, Albany, Delaware County, Indiana
Burial: 1868, Lower Salem Methodist Cemetery, Massac County, Illinois
Census 1: 1830, Graves County, Kentucky
Census 2: 1840, Graves County, Kentucky
Census 3: 1850, Graves County, Kentucky
Census 4: 1860, Grand Chain, Pulaski County, Illinois
Deed: Oct 23, 1853, Graves County, Kentucky[4]
Property: Mar 03, 1857, Massac County, Illinois T14S30R3 SW Remarks K/234[5]
Tax List 1: 1840, 480 acres in Graves County, Kentucky
Tax List 2: 1841, 480 Acres Graves County, Kentucky[6]

More About CYNTHIA BROOKSHIRE:
Burial: 1865, Lower Salem Methodist Cemetery, Massac County, Illinois

Marriage Notes for JOHN EVERS and CYNTHIA BROOKSHIRE:
John & Cynthia were married by Capt. Williamson, who had a landing near the Massac/Pulaski County line on the Ohio River when they eloped; however, no records have been found. In 1827, those counties were still part of Johnson County

Children of JOHN EVERS and CYNTHIA BROOKSHIRE are:

10. i. MARY JANE[4] EVERS, b. Sep 24, 1828, Boaz, Graves County, Kentucky; d. Apr 11, 1915, Graves County, Kentucky.
11. ii. MARTHA EVERS, b. Jan 22, 1831, Graves County, Kentucky; d. Feb 01, 1899, Graves County, Kentucky.
12. iii. DELPHIA CAROLINE EVERS, b. Jun 25, 1833, Graves County, Kentucky; d. Nov 17, 1916, Massac County, Illinois.
13. iv. WILLIAM HENRY WARREN EVERS, b. Jul 04, 1835, Graves County, Kentucky; d. Dec 02, 1864, Graves County, Kentucky.
14. v. MARGARET ELIZABETH EVERS, b. Dec 08, 1837, Graves County, Kentucky; d. Feb 19, 1876, Illinois.
15. vi. LOUISA HELLEN EVERS, b. Nov 19, 1839, Graves County, Kentucky; d. Aft. 1895, Graves County, Kentucky.
16. vii. ZARELDA ISABELIA EVERS, b. Jan 07, 1842, Graves County, Kentucky; d. Jul 07, 1907, Illinois/Kentucky.
17. viii. JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE EVERS, b. Dec 07, 1843, Graves County, Kentucky; d. Aug 26, 1910, Illinois.
18. ix. NANCY MINERVA EVERS, b. Jun 21, 1846, Kentucky; d. Oct 22, 1888, Illinois.
19. x. JOHN WESLEY H. EVERS, b. Dec 03, 1848, Graves County, Kentucky; d. Oct 06, 1920, Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois.
20. xi. HARRIET CATHERINE EVERS, b. Mar 20, 1852, Woodville, Kentucky.

5. MATILDA[3] EVERS *(WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Abt. 1816. She married OTHO D. GRIMES Apr 30, 1836 in McCracken County, Kentucky. He was born 1815, and died 1879.

Notes for MATILDA EVERS:
This connection with William & Caroline Evers of our line hasn't been confirmed; however, was listed for the purpose of the book.

More About OTHO D. GRIMES:
Died 2: 1877, McCracken County, Kentucky

Children of MATILDA EVERS and OTHO GRIMES are:

i. WILLIAM FRANK[4] GRIMES, b. Abt. 1837, Kentucky.
21. ii. CAROLINE GRIMES, b. 1840, Kentucky.

6. JOSEPH NATHAN[3] EVERS *(WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[7,8,9] was born Mar 18, 1819 in Kentucky, and died Aft. Jul 28, 1870. He married (1) ELIZABETH RAMEY Apr 24, 1841 in Johnson County, Illinois[10]. She was born Nov 16, 1818 in South Carolina, North Carolina & Georgia listed on censuses, and died Aft. Jul 28, 1870. He married (2) SUSAN ROBERTS Mar 14, 1880 in Massac County, Illinois[11]. She was born Abt. 1835.

Notes for JOSEPH NATHAN EVERS:
The births of the 7 children of Joseph Nathan & Elizabeth were from the family bible of Joseph N. Evers. The bible had been in possession of William F. Marshall of Greenville, Illinois at the time of the original notes.
Date born 2: 1817, Kentucky[12]
Date born 3: 1818, Kentucky[13]
Census 1: 1850, Massac, Illinois[14]
Census 2: 1860, Township 14 S Range 3 E, Massac County, Illinois[15]
Census 3: Jul 1865, Massac County, Illinois
Census 4: 1870, Township 14 Range 3, Massac County, Illinois[16]

More About ELIZABETH RAMEY:
Census 1: 1850, Massac County, Illinois[17]
Census 2: 1860, Massac County, Illinois[18]
Census 3: 1870, Massac County, Illinois[19]

Children of JOSEPH EVERS and ELIZABETH RAMEY are:

22. i. JAMES ROBERT[4] EVERS, b. Aug 05, 1846, Illinois; d. Jan 20, 1938, Pulaski County, Illinois.

23. ii. GEORGE WASHINGTON EVERS, b. Feb 22, 1848, Massac County, Illinois; d. Mar 21, 1921, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois.

iii. MARTHA M EVERS, b. Apr 15, 1850, Massac County, Illinois; d. Oct 30, 1870, Massac County, Illinois[20].
Copied as found in the book, including errors.
DIED: On the 30th of October 1870 of Typhoid Fever. Martha Jane Evens, daughter of Nathan and Elizabeth Evens, in the 23rd of her age. No one can imagine the agony of the parents, who with watchful care tended their bud until it blossomed, and then must see it fade away. They have our sincerest sympathy.
Cause of Death: Typhoid Fever

Census: 1850, Massac County, Illinois[21]

iv. JOSEPH NATHAN EVERS, b. Dec 11, 1851, Massac County, Illinois; d. Sep 21, 1857, Massac County, Illinois.
Burial: Dec 1851, Copland Cemetery, Massac County, Illinois[22]

24. v. WILLIAM BENJAMIN EVERS, b. Apr 15, 1853, Massac County, Illinois; d. 1914, Johnson County, Illinois.

vi. NANCY J. EVERS, b. Oct 06, 1854, Massac County, Illinois.

vii. CINTHA E. EVERS, b. Dec 08, 1856, Massac County, Illinois.
Census 1: 1860, Massac County, Illinois[23]
Census 2: 1870, Massac County, Illinois[24]

viii. ELIZABETH M. EVERS, b. May 1865, Massac County, Illinois.

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7. JANE[4] EVERS *(JAMES ROBERT[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[25] was born Abt. 1835 in Missouri[26], and died Aft. 1880. She married (1) JACOB PETTIT. He was born in Ohio. She married (2) GEORGE THRASHER Nov 25, 1862 in Pulaski County, Illinois[27]. He was born 1826 in Perry County, Indiana, and died 1882 in Pulaski County, Illinois.

Notes for JANE EVERS:
Land sale to Jane (Evers) Petitt Thrasher by James R. & Nancy Evers.
Deed Book O December 19, 1873
James R. & Nancy Evers Grantor to Jane Threasher (Grantee) for $54.00 Pulaski County S1/2 of NW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 25 Township 14 South of Range 2 East of 3rd Principal Meridian Containing 25 acres. Done to correct deed to Jane Petitt now Jane Threasher that was done December 1, 1857 Book I(?), Page 19(?) June 29, 1869 Filed June 6, 1874
Date born 2: 1835, Kentucky[28]
Census 1: 1850, Graves County, Kentucky[29]
Census 2: 1860, Jane Petit Grand Chain, Pulaski County, Illinois[30]
Census 3: 1870, Jane Thrasher Grand Chain, Pulaski County, Illinois[31]
Census 4: 1880, Grand Chain, Pulaski County, Illinois[32]
More About JACOB PETTIT:
Census: 1860, Grand Chain, Pulaski County, Illinois

Children of JANE EVERS and JACOB PETTIT are:

i. MARY[5] PETTIT, b. Abt. 1852, Illinois.
Census: 1860, Grand Chain, Pulaski County, Illinois
25. ii. NANCY CAROLINE PETTIT, b. Abt. 1857, Illinois.

Children of JANE EVERS and GEORGE THRASHER are:

iii. JAMES E.[5] THRASHER, b. Abt. 1862; m. (1) CARINTHA ELIZABETH PARKER, Aug 02, 1883, Pulaski County, Illinois[33]; m. (2) JENNIE BELL SHORT, Oct 09, 1891, Pulaski County, Illinois[34].
Census: 1870, Grand Chain, Pulaski County, Illinois
iv. WILLIAM R. THRASHER, b. Abt. 1866; m. LUCY GRIMES, Nov 01, 1888, Vienna, Johnson County, Illinois[35]; b. Abt. 1867.
26. v. CICERO AUGUSTUS THRASHER, b. Oct 1871; d. 1958, Dunklin County, Missouri.
27. vi. OLIVER PERRY THRASHER, b. Jun 10, 1873.
vii. SUSAN THRASHER, b. Abt. 1876.

8. WILLIAM W.[4] EVERS *(JAMES ROBERT[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Abt. 1843 in Kentucky, and died Apr 18, 1880 in Pulaski County, Illinois. He married REBECCA A. RITCHEY Apr 20, 1865 in Massac County, Illinois[36,37]. She was born Abt. 1846 in Indiana.

Notes for WILLIAM W. EVERS:
Deed Book U
Grantor William W. Evers of Massac County, Illinois September 18, 1878 to Grantee Rebecca E. Evers of Massac County, Illinois for $840.00
Pulaski County - N1/2 of NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 25, Township 14 South Range 2 East & SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 Section 24 South of NE containing 60 acres.
Filed April 19, 1881
Census 1: 1850, Graves County, Kentucky[38]
Census 2: 1860, Pulaski County, Illinois[39]
Residence: 1876, Ash Ridge, Massac County, Illinois (State Atlas)

Notes for REBECCA A. RITCHEY:
In the 1880 (28 June 1880) Census, R.E. Eves is listed as a widow of two children, J.T. Evers and Minnie Evers.
More About REBECCA A. RITCHEY:
Name 2: Rebecca A Richey[40]
Census 1: 1880, Pulaski County, Illinois[41]

Census 2: 1850, Massac, Illinois[42]

Marriage Notes for WILLIAM EVERS and REBECCA RITCHEY:
William filed for divorce in November 1878. He stated that he had been a resident of Massac County for over one year. He stated that he was a kind and dutiful husband until about the 10th or 1st day of May 1878 when he was compelled to leave his house by reason of bad treatment from his wife. William stated that Rebecca had been guilty of extreme and repeatedly cruelty towards him for the space of past five years. Also, he accused her of eloping from him and had taken up with another man.
Notices were sent out to various people to attend court to testify for William vs. Rebecca. No other papers were found regarding the divorce suit. William died in Pulaski County without a will and Rebecca filed papers for William's estate.

Children of WILLIAM EVERS and REBECCA RITCHEY are:

i. JAMES THOMAS[5] EVERS[43], b. Abt. 1868, Kentucky; d. Oct 01, 1916, Cairo, Alexander County, Illinois[44].
Burial: Oct 02, 1916, Grand Chain, Pulaski County, Illinois[45]
Cause of Death: Cirrhosis of Liver for 1 year[45]
Census 1: 1880, Hillerman, Massac County, Illinois listed as J.T. Evers[46]
Census 2: 1910, Cairo, Alexander County, Illinois[47]
Medical Information: Informant was A.O. Phelps (brother-in-law).
Occupation: 1916, Engine Fireman[48]

28. ii. MINNIE L. EVERS, b. Jul 15, 1874, Pulaski County, Illinois; d. Oct 24, 1946, Los Angeles, California.

9. VOLNEY CICERO[4] EVERS *(JAMES ROBERT[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Aug 24, 1849 in Paducah, McCracken County, Kentucky, and died Jan 09, 1919 in Seattle General Hospital, King County, Seattle, Washington[49]. He married (1) LENORA ANNABELE MARTHA HOOPPAW Sep 28, 1873 in Villa Ridge, Pulaski County, Illinois[50], daughter of W. HOOPPAW and E.J. LEWIS. She was born Jun 27, 1855 in Pulaski County, Illinois, and died Feb 22, 1888 in Effingham, Effingham County, Illinois. He married (2) CLARA BELLE PAGE[51,51,52] 1889 in St. Louis, Missouri, daughter of JOSEPH PAGE and MARY HARRISON. She was born Oct 15, 1861 in St. Louis, Missouri[52], and died Oct 15, 1931 in 5521 31st NE Street, Seattle, King County, Washington[53].

Notes for VOLNEY CICERO EVERS:
Volney was a Methodist Minister in Southern Illinois from 1873 to 1890 and then he transferred to the Columbia River District in Washington. I have received an email that Volney took a "supernumerary in 1891". The 1910 Census had listed a Robert C. Evers (Clergyman with M.E. church), with Kittie Bell, Volney P and Kittie Majel. The DOB, POB and parents' POB agrees with Volney's; therefore, I accepted it as Volney C. Evers.

A land patent was issued to Volney C. Evers issued on May 11, 1893 from the Spokane, Washington Land Office. Accession/Serial Number is WASPAA009135 for 80.05 acres. SENW and SWNW Section/Block 30; Township 26-N; Range 42-E; Meridian Willamette; State Washington; County Spokane. This information came from the Bureau of Land Management-General Land Office Records.

Volney's Death Certificate listed place of birth as Paducah, McCracken County, Kentucky but his father was in Graves County, Kentucky between 1840 and 1850. Also, noted James Evers as his father was born in Pennsylvania and his mother as Lancey Lehman born in Kentucky.

Death Obit - The Post-Intelligencer, Seattle, Friday January 10, 1919 page 2
FORMER SEATTLE MINISTER IS DEAD-MARYSVILLE PASTOR DIES OF PNEUMONIA
Rev. Volney C. Evers Passes Away at Seattle General Hospital
Rev. Volney C. Evers, pastor of the First Methodist Church at Marysville and former pastor of three Seattle churches, died at the Seattle General Hospital at 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon. He was 69 years of age. Rev. Volney C. Evers came to Washington in 1889 and since that time has been pastor of churches at Walla Walla, Spokane, Kent and Marysville, and was pastor of Trinity, Woodland Park and South Park Methodist churches in Seattle. A month ago he contracted pneumonia and was brought to the Seattle General Hospital, where his daughter, Miss Majel, who was a nurse at that institution, was assigned to care for him. He is survived by a widow and five children. Two of the children, Miss Majel and Sergeant Volney P. Evers, stationed at Fort McDowell, were at his bedside when the end came. The other children are Earnest P. Evers of Los Angeles, Arthur Evers of New York City and Mrs. Virginia McFarland, of St. Louis. He was a

member of St. John's Lodge No. 9 F.&A.M., of Seattle. Funeral services will be held at the First Methodist Episcopal church Sunday afternoon at 2:30. Dr. J.M. Canse, district superintendent of the Bellingham district, in which Dr. Evers' last charge was located, will officiate. Interment will be at Lakeview cemetery.

Evers, In this city, January 9, 1910 Rev. Volney C. Evers, aged 69 years. Funeral services will be held at the First Methodist church, Fifth Avenue at Marion Street, Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Friends are invited to attend. Interment at lake View Cemetery. Bonney-Watson Company, Funeral Directors.

Death Obit - The Seattle Daily Times, Seattle, Friday Evening, January 10, 1919, Page 9
REV. MR. EVERS DIES- Funeral of Pioneer Pastor of Puget Sound Conference Will Be Held Sunday.
Funeral services of Rev. Volney C. Evers, the oldest active member of the Puget Sound Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church and for forty-seven years in the ministry, who died at the Seattle General Hospital yesterday afternoon from pneumonia, will be held at First Methodist Episcopal Church at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Dr. J.M. Canse, district superintendent of the Bellingham District, in which Mr. Evers last was located, will officiate. Several Methodist ministers from different parts of the state will officiate. Mr. Evers last charge was at Marysville. He was born in Metropolis, Illinois and entered the ministry at the age of 21. He was with the Southern Illinois Conference for twenty years. (CAME TO STATE IN 1889) He came to the state of Washington in 1889, locating in Spokane, where he was pastor of one of the Methodist churches for four years. He served for four years in a Methodist church for Walla Walla; three years at Dallas, Texas; four years at Newton, Kansas; five years at Kansas City, Missouri, and six years at St. Louis, Missouri. He came to Seattle in 1905 and remained here for five years, being pastor during this period of the Trinity, South Park and Woodland Park Methodist Episcopal churches. Later he was in Kent two years; Anacortes one year, and had served one year in Marysville when he was taken ill with pneumonia and brought to Seattle for treatment. (LEAVES WIDOW AND FIVE CHILDREN) He is survived by his widow and five children. Two of the children, Miss Mabel and Sergeant Volney P. Evers, who is stationed at Fort McDowell, were at the bedside when the end came. The other

children are Ernest P. Evers of Los Angeles, Arthur Evers of New York City and Miss Virginia McFarland of St. Louis. He was a member of St. John's Lodge No. 9, F.&A.M. of Seattle. Interment will be in Lake View Cemetery.

More About VOLNEY CICERO EVERS:
Burial: Jan 12, 1919, Lakeview Cemetery, King County, Washington[54]
Cause of Death: Chronic Nephritis & Pneumonia[55]
Census 1: Jun 19, 1880, Shawneetown City, Gallatin County, Illinois[56]
Census 2: 1860, Grand Chain, Pulaski County, Illinois[57]
Census 3: 1870, Township 14 Range 2, Pulaski, Illinois[58]
Census 4: 1905, Newton, Harvey County, Kansas
Census 5: 1910, Seattle, King County, Washington
Medical Information: Informant on Death Certificate- Mrs. V.C. Evers
Occupation: 1879, Methodist Minister & Teacher as listed on Virginia's birth certificate
Ordination: 1873, Methodist
Property: May 11, 1893, Spokane County, Washington
Religion: Methodist
Residence: Bet. 1888 - 1889, McLeansboro, Hamilton County, Illinois

More About LENORA ANNABELE MARTHA HOOPPAW:
Burial: Feb 1888, Cairo City Cemetery, Pulaski County, Illinois[59]
Census: 1880, Shawneetown, Gallatin County, Illinois[60]

Notes for CLARA BELLE PAGE:
Death Notice - Seattle Post-Intelligencer, Friday October 16, 1931
EVERS - Kittle Belle Evers at 5521 31st N.E., October 15, aged 70 years, beloved mother of Volney P. Evers and Mrs. Majel Dunlop. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday at the University Funeral Parlors. Internment Lake View Cemetery.
Burial: Oct 17, 1931, Lakeview Cemetery, King County, Washington[61]
Cause of Death: Cerebral Hemorrhage/Hemiphlegia October 7, 1931[62]
Census 1: Jul 30, 1870, St. Ferdinand Township, St. Louis County, Missouri
Census 2: Jun 18, 1880, Saint Ferdinand, Saint Louis County, Missouri[63,63]
Census 3: 1905, Newton, Harvey County, Kansas

Census 4: 1910, Seattle, King County, Washington
Census 5: 1920, Seattle, King County, Washington
Census 6: 1930, Seattle, King County, Washington[64]
Medical Information: Other causes of death - Arteriosclerosis, Chronic Myocarditis Informant-Volney P. Evers (Son)

Children of VOLNEY EVERS and LENORA HOOPPAW are:

29. i. ERNEST PAUL[5] EVERS, b. Sep 12, 1874, Villa Ridge, Pulaski County, Illinois; d. Jul 22, 1945, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California.
30. ii. ARTHUR ST. CLAIR EVERS, b. Aug 07, 1877, Illinois; d. Jun 16, 1943, Los Angeles, California.
31. iii. VIRGINIA CICERO EVERS, b. Aug 06, 1879, Joppa, Massac County, Illinois; d. May 23, 1969, Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri.

Children of VOLNEY EVERS and CLARA PAGE are:

iv. VOLNEY PAGE[5] EVERS[65,66], b. Jun 12, 1890, Spokane, Spokane County, Washington[67]; d. Jan 10, 1969, Sebastopol, Sonoma County, California[68]; m. EVA BELLE HARRISON, Jun 26, 1918, Seattle, King County, Washington[69]; b. May 29, 1897, Chicago, Illinois; d. Mar 18, 1981, Sebastopol, Sonoma County, California.

Notes for VOLNEY PAGE EVERS:
According to the Sebastopol Times, California, Volney P moved from Seattle 18 months prior to his death.
Burial: Feb 03, 1969, Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, San Mateo County, California[70]
Cause of Death: Heart Attack
Census 1: 1905, Newton, Harvey County, Kansas
Census 2: Mar 01, 1905, Great Bend, Barton County, Kansas[71]
Military service: 10/02/1918-02/13/1919 SGT
Occupation: Salesman, Real Estate, Lawyer
Social Security Number: Bet. 1951 - 1952, Washington

More About EVA BELLE HARRISON:
Burial: Apr 03, 1981, Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, San Mateo County, California

Marriage notes for VOLNEY PAGE EVERS AND EVA BELLE HARRISON
Volney P. Evers and Eva B. Harrison were married by Volney's father, Volney C. Evers on June 26, 1918. The witnesses were Walter Harrison and Majel Evers. Rev. Volney Evers P.O. Address at the time of Volney P. and Eva's marriage was Anacortes, Washington.

32. v. KITTIE MAJEL EVERS, b. Dec 14, 1893, Walla Walla, Spokane County, Washington; d. Jun 11, 1967, Long Beach, Los Angeles, California.

vi. WALLACE JOYCE EVERS, b. Jul 1903, Dallas, Dallas County, Texas[72]; d. 1907, Washington.
In the Puget Methodist Conference Notes, it was noted that Wallace's funeral was immediate after death as there was concern that his cause of death was cholera.
Burial: 1907, Lakeview Cemetery, King County, Washington
Census: 1905, Newton, Harvey County, Kansas

10. MARY JANE[4] EVERS *(JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[73] was born Sep 24, 1828 in Boaz, Graves County, Kentucky[73], and died Apr 11, 1915 in Graves County, Kentucky[74]. She married JESSE C. GREEN[75] Oct 29, 1846[76], son of ANTHONY GREEN and ELIZABETH O'CONNOR. He was born Aug 09, 1817 in Indiana[77], and died Nov 08, 1878 in Graves County, Kentucky.

More About MARY JANE EVERS:
Burial: Apr 12, 1915, Pleasant Grove Cemetery, aka Greenville Cemetery, Graves County, Kentucky[78]
Cause of Death: Bronchial Pneumonia for 2 days[78]
Census 1: Jul 22, 1860, Graves County, Kentucky
Census 2: Jun 20, 1900, Graves County, Kentucky

Notes for JESSE C. GREEN:
In the 1870 Census, Jesse had real estate value of $1500. and personal estate of $800.00
Burial: Apr 12, 1915, Pleasant Grove Cemetery, aka Greenville Cemetery, Graves County, Kentucky[78]
Cause of Death: Bronchial Pneumonia
Census: Jul 22, 1860, Mayfield, Graves County, Kentucky
Occupation: Jul 22, 1860, Farmer

Children of MARY EVERS and JESSE GREEN are:

i. MARTHA M.[5] GREEN, b. Aug 04, 1847, Graves County, Kentucky[79]; d. Sep 02, 1913, Graves County, Kentucky[79]; m. /ADAMS.

More About MARTHA M. GREEN:
Burial: Sep 03, 1913, Green's Chapel Cemetery[79]

Cause of Death: Cancer of the Liver for 1 year.
Census: Jul 22, 1860, Graves County, Kentucky

33. ii. JOHN WESLEY GREEN, b. Dec 1848, Graves County, Kentucky; d. Jun 26, 1915, Jefferson County, Kentucky.

34. iii. CAROLINE E. GREEN, b. Nov 12, 1850, Graves County, Kentucky; d. Jul 28, 1930, Mayfield, Graves County, Kentucky.

iv. CYNTHIA E. GREEN, b. Jan 04, 1853, Graves County, Kentucky[79]; d. May 07, 1926, Housemans, Graves County, Kentucky[80].
Cynthia never married. In 1900, Cynthia, William and Grant were still single and living with their mother.
More About CYNTHIA E. GREEN:
Burial: May 08, 1926, Green's Chapel Cemetery, Graves County, Kentucky
Cause of Death: Gradual decline due to malaria[80]
Census 1: Jul 22, 1860, Graves County, Kentucky
Census 2: Sep 22, 1870, Graves County, Kentucky
Census 3: Jun 20, 1900, Graves County, Kentucky
Occupation: Housekeeper - She never married.

v. WILLIAM R. GREEN, b. Dec 10, 1854, Graves County, Kentucky[80]; d. Apr 20, 1926, Hickman, Graves County, Kentucky[81].
Wm. never married and his sister, Cynthia, lived with him.
Burial: Apr 22, 1926, Green's Chapel Cemetery, Graves County, Kentucky
Cause of Death: Gradual decline for 11 months[82]
Census 1: Jul 22, 1860, Graves County, Kentucky
Census 2: Sep 22, 1870, Graves County, Kentucky
Census 3: Jun 20, 1900, Graves County, Kentucky
Medical Information: Albert Green was the informant on death certificate.
Occupation: Merchant

vi. LOUISA J. GREEN, b. Apr 17, 1857, Graves, Kentucky[83].
Census: Jul 22, 1860, Graves County, Kentucky

vii. JAMES BYNUM GREEN, b. Aug 06, 1859, Graves County, Kentucky[84]; d. Sep 18, 1937, Paducah, McCracken County, Kentucky[85]; m. EFFIE COSBY, 1904, Kentucky; b. Jul 26, 1877, Graves County, Kentucky[86]; d. May 20, 1951, Riverside Hospital, Paducah, McCracken County, Kentucky[87].

More About JAMES BYNUM GREEN:
Burial: Sep 19, 1937, Green's Chapel Cemetery, Graves County, Kentucky[88]
Cause of Death: Contributory facture was Perforated Peptic Ulcer
Census 1: Jul 22, 1860, Graves County, Kentucky
Census 2: Sep 22, 1870, Graves County, Kentucky
Medical Information: Informant was Effie Green on death certificate
Occupation: Farmer

More About EFFIE COSBY:
Burial: May 21, 1951, Mt. Kenton Cemetery, McCracken County, Kentucky[88]
Cause of Death: Uremia for 10 days with Chronic Nephritis with unknown interval.[88]
Medical Information: Mrs. Murrall Nancy was the informant on the death certificate

viii. GEORGE W. GREEN[89], b. 1862, Kentucky[89]; d. Jan 12, 1949, Fuller Gillum Hospital, Mayfield, Graves County, Kentucky[90].
Burial: Jan 14, 1949, Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Kentucky[90]
Cause of Death: Hypostatic pneumonia for 1 day due to Carcinoma Colon with Senility[90]
Census 1: 1860, Graves County, Kentucky
Census 2: Sep 22, 1870, Graves County, Kentucky[91]
Census 3: 1880, Housemans, Graves County, Kentucky[92]
Medical Information: Informant was Hollie E. Green
Occupation: Farmer

ix. A. GRANT GREEN[93,94,95], b. 1864, Kentucky[96]; d. Mar 17, 1957, Graves County, Kentucky[97,98].
Census 1: Sep 22, 1870, Housemans, Graves County, Kentucky
Census 2: Jun 1880, Housemans, Graves County, Kentucky[99]
Census 3: Jun 20, 1900, Graves County, Kentucky
Census 4: Apr 23, 1930, Mayfield, Graves County, Kentucky

35. x. EMMA Z GREEN, b. Apr 14, 1866, Graves County, Kentucky; d. Mar 02, 1947, Mayfield, Graves County, Kentucky.

11. MARTHA[4] EVERS *(JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[100,101,102] was born Jan 22, 1831 in Graves County, Kentucky[103], and died Feb 01, 1899 in Graves County, Kentucky. She married JAMES NELSON BOAZ Nov 08, 1849[104], son of DAVID BOAZ and LUCINDA WHITIS. He was born Jan 07, 1822 in Tennessee[105], and died Mar 12, 1875 in Graves County, Kentucky.

Notes for MARTHA EVERS:
Burial: Feb 1899, Boaz Cemetery, Graves County, Kentucky
Census 1: 1870, Graves County, Kentucky
Census 2: Aug 18, 1860, Graves County, Kentucky[106]
Census 3: 1880, Housemans, Graves County, Kentucky[107]

Notes for JAMES NELSON BOAZ:
James Nelson & his wife taught in the Graves County Schools for a time, and then he built Gum School on his own place for his and the neighbors' children. He

was a farmer & nurseryman, and his death was caused by blood poisoning that developed following a scratch from a briary while working with his nursery stock. He was not a slave owner and his sympathies during the Civil War lay with the North. He had a library that was large for its time, and many of the books are in the possession of one of his grandsons, Dr. Thenton D. Boaz, of Pinehurst, North Carolina.
Burial: Mar 1875, Boaz Cemetery, Graves County, Kentucky[108,109]
Cause of Death: Septicemia
Census 1: 1870, Graves County, Kentucky[110]
Census 2: 1860, Graves County, Kentucky[111]

Children of MARTHA EVERS and JAMES BOAZ are:

i. ALICE ROSALIE[5] BOAZ, b. May 06, 1853, Graves County, Kentucky; d. May 25, 1899; m. SAMPSON JOHNSON MATHEWS, Dec 12, 1878, Graves County, Kentucky[112]; b. Mar 23, 1835; d. Jan 21, 1905, Mayfield, Graves County, Kentucky.

Notes for ALICE ROSALIE BOAZ:
Reference: 1853 Graves County, Kentucky Vital Statistics Watercourse listed was Clark's River
Burial: May 1899, Boaz Cemetery, Graves County, Kentucky[113]
Census 1: Aug 18, 1860, Graves County, Kentucky
Census 2: 1870, Graves County, Kentucky

More About SAMPSON JOHNSON MATHEWS:
Occupation: Physician in Kentucky

36. ii. GEORGE WASHINGTON BOAZ, b. Sep 13, 1854, Kentucky; d. Apr 21, 1877.
37. iii. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN BOAZ, b. Apr 13, 1856, Kentucky; d. Oct 31, 1948, Mayfield, Graves County, Kentucky.
38. iv. LINN BOYD BOAZ, b. Feb 07, 1858, Paducah, McCracken County, Kentucky; d. 1902.

v. MARK WILTON BOAZ[114], b. Apr 11, 1859, Kentucky; d. Apr 06, 1884.
Burial: Apr 1884, Boaz Cemetery, Graves County, Kentucky[115]
Census 1: 1870, Graves County, Kentucky
Census 2: Aug 18, 1860, Graves County, Kentucky
Census 3: Jun 15, 1880, Housemans District, Graves County, Kentucky

39. vi. THOMAS DICK BOAZ, b. May 25, 1861, Graves County, Kentucky; d. Nov 08, 1919, Mayfield, Graves County, Kentucky.

vii. LORENZO DOW BOAZ[116], b. Jul 14, 1863, Kentucky; m. ELIZABETH WATTS, Abt. 1905; b. Abt. 1869, Kentucky.

More About LORENZO DOW BOAZ:
Census 1: 1870, Graves County, Kentucky
Census 2: Jun 15, 1880, Housemans District, Graves County, Kentucky
Census 3: 1900, Obion County, Tennessee[117]
Census 4: Apr 22, 1910, District #1, Obion County, Tennessee[118]
Census 5: Jan 08, 1920, District #1, Obion County, Tennessee[119]
Occupation 1: 1920, Medical Doctor[119]
Occupation 2: 1910, Physician[120]

More About ELIZABETH WATTS:
Census 1: 1910, Obion County, Tennessee
Census 2: 1920, Obion County, Tennessee

viii. ABRAHAM SHERMAN GRANT BOAZ, b. 1865, Kentucky; d. 1866, Kentucky.

40. ix. JOHN DAVID EVERS BOAZ, b. Jan 26, 1867, Kentucky; d. Dec 23, 1943, Salem, Marion County, Illinois.

x. WILLIAM PENN BOAZ[121], b. Dec 11, 1868, Kentucky; d. Jul 31, 1887.
Burial: Aug 1887, Boaz Cemetery, Graves County, Kentucky[122]
Census 1: 1870, Graves County, Kentucky
Census 2: Jun 15, 1880, Housemans District, Graves County, Kentucky

12. DELPHIA CAROLINE[4] EVERS *(JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[123] was born Jun 25, 1833 in Graves County, Kentucky, and died Nov 17, 1916 in Massac County, Illinois. She married (1) JOSHUA SHORT COPLAND Jun 26, 1856 in Graves County, Kentucky[123,124], son of JOHN COPLAND and MARY SHORT. He was born Nov 27, 1812 in Sumner County, Tennessee, and died Aug 30, 1895 in near Yates Landing, Massac County, Illinois. She married (2) J.M. CRIDER Oct 24, 1907.

Notes for DELPHIA CAROLINE EVERS:
Death Obit in "The Metropolis Herald" Thursday, November 30, 1916
Delphia Caroline Crider was born in Graves Co., Ky. June 25, 1833 died Nov. 17, 1916, making her age at death 83 years, 4 months and 22 days. She was married to J.S. Copeland June 26, 1856 to this union were born nine children two having died in infancy, seven survive her, who are, Mrs. Lizzie Starks, Mrs. Ella Douglas, Mrs. Mattie Cockerel, Mrs. Maggie L. Clark of Selma, Cal., C.M. Copeland, Mrs. Allie Barnett, Mrs. Sallie S. Hawkins, all were at her bedside except Maggie. She leaves besides her children, one brother, John W. Evers, and one sister, Mrs. Hattie Willis, of Eureka Springs, Ark., Mr. Copland preceded her in death having

passed away in 1895, on Oct. 24, 1907 she was married to J.M Crider. Grandma united with the Methodist church when but thirteen years of age and lived a devoted, useful Christian life, a Christian for seventy years. Many times have we heard her say in class meeting, I am not tired of living a Christian and the way grows brighter every day. Even on the day she was stricken she said I feel like praising the Lord. The funeral was conducted at Salem M.E. Church on Sunday morning Nov. 19, 1916 by Rev. Robert Smith, assisted by Rev. Jesse Finley, after which the remains were tenderly laid to rest. The family burial lot on the Copland Homestead, a good kind mother has gone to her reward.
Oh! What is death that we should grieve or sigh? Do we know it is willed that all must die? Then when this body is torn and rack with pain it is sweet to die that we may live again.
Burial: Nov 19, 1916, Copland Cemetery, Massac County, Illinois[125]

Notes for JOSHUA SHORT COPLAND:
Reference: The Biographical Review of Johnson, Massac, Pope and Hardin Counties Illinois. Containing Biographical Sketches of Prominent and Representative Citizens 1893 Chicago Biographical Publishing Company.

Clippings from an old scrapbook belonging to Mrs. Delphia Clark Platzek, granddaughter of J.S. Copland.
Joshua S. Copland was the son of John and Mary (Sarah) Copland. He was born November 27, 1812, in Sumner County, Tennessee and died on his farm near Yates Landing, Massac County, Illinois. He came with his father to Southern Illinois at an early day. He was first married to Miss Elizabeth Axley, and to them were born nine children. His wife died in 1855. The following year he married Miss Caroline Evers, who survives him. Of this union there were born eight children. Mr. Copland was a pioneer Methodist. He was one of the charter members of the Lower Salem Church where he held his membership at the time of his death, the church being organized over forty years ago. He died in peace. He leaves a widow and ten children.
Burial: Copland Cemetery, Massac County, Illinois[125]

Marriage Notes for DELPHIA EVERS and JOSHUA COPLAND:
At the time of the marriage, Joshua was living in Massac County, Illinois and

Caroline was living in Graves County, Kentucky. Joshua was 42 yrs old and Caroline was 23 yrs old.

Children of DELPHIA EVERS and JOSHUA COPLAND are:

i. DAVID ALEXANDER[5] COPLAND, b. Dec 20, 1858, Massac County, Illinois[126]; d. Oct 24, 1862, Massac County, Illinois.
Burial: Copland Cemetery, Massac County, Illinois[127]

41. ii. LOUISA ELIZABETH COPLAND, b. Nov 20, 1860, Massac County, Illinois; d. Jun 30, 1929, Charleston, Coles County, Illinois.

42. iii. ELLA JOSEPHINE COPLAND, b. Aug 23, 1863, Massac County, Illinois; d. Jan 20, 1943, Massac County, Illinois.

iv. MARTHA LENORA COPLAND, b. Feb 03, 1867, Massac County, Illinois; d. Apr 11, 1956, Massac County, Illinois; m. JAMES W. MCNANNA, Mar 29, 1891, J.S. Copland's residence, Massac County, Illinois[128]; b. Abt. 1861, Massac County, Illinois.

Marriage Notes for MARTHA COPLAND and JAMES MCNANNA:
This was the first marriage for the couple, James was a machinist at the time of the marriage. Mattie was residing in Massac County and James in Pulaski County, Illinois. Their witnesses were Ella Douglas and Ella Mangum.

43. v. MARGARET LEOTA COPLAND, b. Feb 03, 1867, Massac County, Illinois; d. Nov 23, 1935, Tulare County, California.

44. vi. CHARLES MCPHERSON COPLAND, b. Sep 18, 1869, Massac County, Illinois; d. Sep 28, 1951, Riverside Hospital, Paducah, McCracken County, Kentucky.

45. vii. CYNTHIA ALICE COPLAND, b. Jan 09, 1872, Massac County, Illinois; d. Jul 05, 1960, Massac County, Illinois.

viii. SARAH SHORT COPLAND, b. Sep 05, 1874, Road District # 4, Massac County, Illinois[129]; d. Feb 09, 1957, Cairo, Alexander County, Illinois; m. JESSE THOMAS HAWKINS, Oct 30, 1892, Massac County, Illinois; b. 1868; d. 1924.

Notes for SARAH SHORT COPLAND:
Certificate of Birth was completed in 1943 and her brother, Charles M Copland, gave verbal affidavit of her birth. Charles was living in Joppa, Massac County, Illinois at this time in 1943. Joshua was listed as a farmer and a merchant.
Burial: 1957, Lower Salem Methodist Cemetery, Massac County, Illinois

More About JESSE THOMAS HAWKINS:
Burial: 1924, Lower Salem Methodist Cemetery, Massac County, Illinois

ix. JAMES FRANKLIN COPLAND, b. Abt. 1874, Massac County, Illinois; m. SARAH CATHERINE LOVEN, Jan 05, 1896, Massac County, Illinois[130]; b. Abt. 1877, Massac County, Illinois.

Marriage Notes for JAMES COPLAND and SARAH LOVEN:
This was the first marriage for the couple, they were married by J.M. Allfrey, J.P. at his office and their witnesses were Mary B. Allfry & May Sexton. J.F. Copland was listed as a farmer on the marriage license.

13. WILLIAM HENRY WARREN[4] EVERS *(JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[131] was born Jul 04, 1835 in Graves County, Kentucky[132], and died Dec 02, 1864 in Graves County, Kentucky[132]. He married NANCY SERENA PRYOR[133] Oct 25, 1855 in Graves County, Kentucky[134], daughter of JOHN PRYOR and ELIZABETH DAVIS. She was born Jan 20, 1837 in Graves County, Kentucky, and died Oct 25, 1898 in Graves County, Kentucky.

Notes for WILLIAM HENRY WARREN EVERS:
As per Laura Schultes that Wm was a supporter of Lincoln, Union man, never joined the army; living with the Confederate Pryor family or in their midst, and wife, Confederate. Told that William Evers and Calvin Ray (brother-in-law) were killed by the "Gregory Gang" called Gorillas, robbers during the Civil War. Calvin Ray owned a General Merchandising Store in Marshall County, Kentucky. Notice that Calvin Ray died the 1st of December and Wm on the 2nd of December.

More About WILLIAM HENRY WARREN EVERS:
Burial: Dec 1864, Old Salem Cemetery, Boaz, Graves County, Kentucky[135,136]
Census: Aug 18, 1860, Graves County, Kentucky[137]
Occupation: Aug 18, 1860, Farmer
Religion: Methodist

More About NANCY SERENA PRYOR:
Burial: Oct 1898, Bolton Cemetery, Graves County, Kentucky[138]
Census: Aug 18, 1860, Graves County, Kentucky[139]

Children of WILLIAM EVERS and NANCY PRYOR are:

i. MARY FRANCIS[5] EVERS, b. 1856, Graves County, Kentucky; d. 1858, Graves County, Kentucky.
In John Alexander Evers letter, he wrote about Wm's and Nancy's daughter, Mary

Francis.
Cause of Death: Scarlet Fever

ii. SAMUEL LEE EVERS, b. Sep 01, 1858, Kentucky[140]; d. Sep 30, 1858, Graves County, Kentucky[140].
Cause of Death: Croup (Family listed Scarlet Fever)[141]

iii. CYNTHIA ELIZABETH EVERS[142], b. Sep 02, 1860, Graves County, Kentucky; d. Sep 06, 1888, Graves County, Kentucky[143].
Died 2: Sep 06, 1888, Marshall County, Kentucky[143,144]
Burial: Sep 1878, Bolton Cemetery (Symsonia), Graves County, Kentucky[145]
Cause of Death: Typhoid Fever[146]

46. iv. JAMES PRYOR EVERS, b. Nov 27, 1862, Graves County, Kentucky; d. Feb 07, 1946, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

47. v. SUSIE WILLIAM JOHNSON EVERS, b. Nov 22, 1864, Kentucky; d. Feb 23, 1936, Graves County, Kentucky.

14. MARGARET ELIZABETH[4] EVERS *(JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[147,148] was born Dec 08, 1837 in Graves County, Kentucky[149], and died Feb 19, 1876 in Illinois. She married (1) CALVIN JOHNSON RAY[150] Mar 20, 1856 in Graves County, Kentucky[151,152], son of HIX RAY. He was born Oct 12, 1833 in Calloway County, Kentucky, and died Dec 01, 1864 in Kentucky. She married (2) JOSEPH W. GAUNT Apr 14, 1867 in John Evers residence in Massac County, Illinois[153].

More About MARGARET ELIZABETH EVERS:
Burial: Feb 1876, Grand Chain Masonic Cemetery, Pulaski County, Illinois[154]
Census: 1870, Township 14 Range 2, Pulaski County, Illinois[155]

More About CALVIN JOHNSON RAY:
Military: Bet. 1861 - 1864, Co. F, 154th TN Senior Infantry, CSA

Marriage Notes for MARGARET EVERS and CALVIN RAY:
At the time of the marriage, Calvin was living in Marshall County, Kentucky and Margaret was living in Graves County, Kentucky per the Marriage Book. Marriage is also listed in Marshall County, Kentucky Marriages. Noted that this occurrence has happened and families where they lived would report births/ marriages/deaths at the end of the year. This was the explanation of the different locations.

Marriage Notes for MARGARET EVERS and JOSEPH GAUNT:
Married: On the 14th inst. at the residence of John Evers, Mrs. Margaret E. Ray to Mr. Joseph Gaunt of Pulaski County, by Alfred Copland, Esq.

Child of MARGARET EVERS and CALVIN RAY is:

i. JAMES CALVIN[5] RAY[156,157], b. Feb 06, 1857, Marshall County, Kentucky[158]; d. Feb 17, 1857, Marshall County, Kentucky[159].

15. LOUISA HELLEN[4] EVERS *(JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[160,161,162] was born Nov 19, 1839 in Graves County, Kentucky[163], and died Aft. 1895 in Graves County, Kentucky[164,165]. She married ROLAND CONNOR GREEN[166,167,168] Nov 26, 1857 in Kentucky[169], son of ANTHONY GREEN and ELIZABETH O'CONNOR. He was born 1834, and died 1876 in Graves County, Kentucky.

Notes for LOUISA HELLEN EVERS:
Burial: Green Family Cemetery, Graves County, Kentucky
Census 1: Jul 22, 1860, Graves County, Kentucky
Census 2: 1850, Graves County, Kentucky[170]
Census 3: Sep 22, 1870, Graves County, Kentucky[171]
Census 4: 1880, Graves County, Kentucky[172]

Notes for ROLAND CONNOR GREEN:
In the 1870 Census, Rowland value of real estate was $2500 and personal estate $600.00.
Burial: 1876, Old Green Cemetery, Graves Co., Kentucky
Census 1: Jul 22, 1860, Mayfield, Graves County, Kentucky
Census 2: Sep 22, 1870, Graves County, Kentucky[173]
Occupation: Jul 22, 1860, Farmer

Children of LOUISA EVERS and ROLAND GREEN are:

i. ISAAC W.[5] GREEN[174,175,176], b. Nov 09, 1858, Kentucky; d. Jul 11, 1946, Los Angeles, California[177].
Date born 2: Nov 05, 1858, Kentucky[177]
Date born 3: Apr 14, 1859, Kentucky[178]
Census 1: Jul 22, 1860, Graves County, Kentucky

Census 2: Sep 22, 1870, Graves County, Kentucky
Census 3: 1880, Housemans, Graves County, Kentucky[179]

48. ii. JAMES A. GREEN, b. Feb 1860, Kentucky.
49. iii. FRANCIS MARION GREEN, b. 1861, Kentucky; d. 1909.
50. iv. WILLIAM BROWNLOW GREEN, b. Sep 20, 1863, Kentucky; d. Feb 28, 1936, Graves County, Kentucky.
v. ROLAND CONNNOR JR. GREEN, b. 1865, Kentucky.
Census: Sep 22, 1870, Graves County, Kentucky
vi. HARRIET GREEN, b. Abt. 1868, Kentucky.
Census: Sep 22, 1870, Graves County, Kentucky
51. vii. MARTHA GREEN, b. Feb 10, 1869, Kentucky; d. Jul 01, 1894.
viii. GEORGE O GREEN[180,181], b. May 20, 1874, Graves County, Kentucky[182]; d. Nov 23, 1952, Graves County, Kentucky[183].
Burial: Nov 23, 1952, Green's Chapel Cemetery, Graves County, Kentucky[184]
Cause of Death: Pneumo Thrombosis for 36 hrs, contributory disease Artherosclerosis[184]
Medical Information: Informant was Roy Green. George was listed as single on his death certificate.
Occupation: Farmer
52. ix. QUINNIE GREEN, b. Jun 10, 1876, Graves County, Kentucky; d. Nov 29, 1952, Olmstead, Pulaski County, Illinois.

16. ZARELDA ISABELIA[4] EVERS *(JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Jan 07, 1842 in Graves County, Kentucky[185], and died Jul 07, 1907 in Illinois/Kentucky. She married (1) JAMES FRANKLIN COPLAND Feb 25, 1858 in Illinois, son of JOSHUA COPLAND and ELIZABETH AXLEY. He was born Jan 05, 1838 in Illinois, and died Feb 19, 1862 in Shiloh, Tennessee. She married (2) JAMES R. COVINGTON Apr 26, 1863 in Massac County, Illinois[186,187,188]. He was born Mar 14, 1835 in Warren County, Kentucky, and died Jun 30, 1894.

Notes for ZARELDA ISABELIA EVERS:
Zarelda's Tombstone list her name as Zarelna I. Covington and a conflict with her Date of Birth. The cemetery book listed her DOB as 15 January 1843.
Burial: Jul 1907, Newton Creek Baptist Church Cemetery, McCracken County, Kentucky[189]

Notes for JAMES FRANKLIN COPLAND:
Joshua Copland had a large general store a mile north of Wilcox landing. The store was huge with double doors and large storeroom in the rear. One night in

the middle of April 1862, Joshua Copland was awakened by three sharp, short blasts from a steam boat at the landing. These blasts were repeated several times at short intervals. Copland arose, dressed, hitched his team to the wagon and drove to the landing. When he got there the steamboat was gone. A lone coffin sat on the pier. Copland loaded it into the wagon and drove back to the store. In the back room he opened the casket. In it lay his own son dressed in Union blue. He had been killed in the battle of Shiloh. This was the first Union soldier from Massac County to be killed in the Civil War. Not many nights later the same drama was repeated at the landing. This time it was the body of Captain Jimmie Williamson, Copland's old friend and neighbor. He had been killed in the same battle. Source: Pulaski County, Genealogy Notes Volume I

More About JAMES FRANKLIN COPLAND:
Burial: 1862, Copland Cemetery, Hillerman, Massac County, Illinois[190]
Military service: Feb 19, 1852, Killed at the battle of Shiloh during the Civil War[191]

Notes for JAMES R. COVINGTON:
Tombstone read Dr. J.P. Covington
Burial: Jul 1894, Newton Creek Baptist Church Cemetery, McCracken County, Kentucky[192]

Child of ZARELDA EVERS and JAMES COPLAND is:

i. WILLIAM J.[5] COPLAND, b. Abt. 1860, Illinois.
Census: 1870, Massac County, Illinois. Enumerated with J.R. & Zarelda Covington

Children of ZARELDA EVERS and JAMES COVINGTON are:

ii. MINNIE[5] COVINGTON, b. Aug 20, 1864, Massac County, Illinois; d. Jun 22, 1946, McCracken County, Kentucky[193]; m. HENRY A. ENGLISH, Feb 01, 1894, New Liberty Church, McCracken County, Kentucky; b. Oct 1860, Marshall County, Kentucky.

Notes for MINNIE COVINGTON:
In 1930, Minnie was a widow and living with her brothers Will, Thomas and James. The house belonged to Will H. Covington, District #8, Woodville, McCracken County, Kentucky.
Burial: Jun 23, 1946, New Liberty Cemetery, Paducah, McCracken County, Kentucky[194]

Cause of Death: Mitral Insufficiency for 2 years.[194]
Census: Apr 23, 1930, District 22, Woodville, McCracken County, Kentucky living with brother Will and listed as a widow[195]
Medical Information: On Minnie's Death Certificate, her place of birth was listed as Massac County, Illinois and her informant was Mrs. J.C. Boyd of Paducah, Kentucky (her niece).

More About HENRY A. ENGLISH:
Census: Jun 02, 1900, Paducah, McCracken County, Kentucky
Occupation: Jun 02, 1900, Carpenter as listed on Census

Marriage Notes for MINNIE COVINGTON and HENRY ENGLISH:
This was the 2nd marriage for H.A. English and the first for Minnie. H.A. father was from Alabama and his mother from Kentucky. H.A. listed his occupation as steamboat man on the marriage bond. Their witnesses were John Spencer and ?? Spencer. Source: Copy of Marriage Bond, McCracken County, Kentucky

iii. WILLIAM HARDIN COVINGTON, b. Sep 12, 1867, Grand Chain, Illinois; d. Feb 11, 1935, Ragland, McCracken County, Kentucky[196,197].
On Death Certificate, place of birth was listed as Kentucky
Burial: Feb 12, 1935, New Liberty Cemetery[197]
Cause of Death: Heart Block 1/2 hour. Wm was never married
Census 1: Apr 23, 1930, District #8, Woodville, McCracken County, Kentucky[198]
Census 2: Jan 20, 1920, McCracken County, Kentucky[199]
Funeral: Feb 12, 1935, Malone-Lindsey & Henning Funeral Home, Paducah, McCracken County, Kentucky[200]
Medical Information: Informant Mrs. Minnie English
Occupation 1: Shoe Merchant
Occupation 2: 1920, Proprietor in a Retail Merchant Store[201]
Occupation 3: Apr 23, 1930, Merchant in General Merchandise Store[202]

iv. JAMES ROBERT COVINGTON, b. Jan 30, 1870, Massac County, Illinois[203]; d. Jan 09, 1931, Ragland, McCracken County, Kentucky[204].
Burial: Jan 11, 1931, New Liberty Cemetery[204]
Cause of Death: A 32 caliber ball shot from hands of unknown party in left side of breast bone.
Census: Apr 23, 1930, District 22, Woodville, McCracken County, Kentucky living with brother Will[205]
Medical Information: Incident occurred in front of his store. Informant W. H. Covington. Physician: R.L. Nelson (coroner) JR was listed as single.
Occupation: Apr 23, 1930, Clerk in Grocery Store belonging to Will[205]

v. THOMAS JOHN COVINGTON, b. Jan 30, 1870, Massac County, Illinois[206]; d. Oct 15, 1942, Ragland, McCracken County, Kentucky[206].
Burial: Oct 16, 1942, New Liberty Cemetery[206]

Cause of Death: Broken Hip
Census 1: Apr 23, 1930, District 22, Woodville, McCracken County, Kentucky living with brother Will[207]
Census 2: 1870, Township 14 Range 3, Massac, Illinois[208]
Census 3: 1910, District 8, McCracken, Kentucky[209]
Census 4: 1930, Woodville, McCracken, Kentucky[210]
Medical Information: Informant was Rella Boyd, niece. TJ was never married
Occupation 1: 1930, Clerk in Grocery Store belonging to Will
Occupation 2: Apr 23, 1930, Clerk in a grocery store[211]

vi. MILANO B. COVINGTON, b. Sep 10, 1875, Kentucky[212]; d. Aug 05, 1914, Raglands, McCracken County, Kentucky[212].
Name 2: Milous B Covington[213]
Burial: Aug 06, 1914, Newton's Creek, Paducah, Kentucky[214]
Cause of Death: Malaria[214]
Census 1: 1880, Woodville, McCracken, Kentucky[215]
Census 2: 1910, District 8, McCracken, Kentucky[216]
Medical Information: Dessie Covington was informant on death certificate. Milano was listed as single on death certificate.
Occupation: Merchant

vii. EDWARD HARRIS COVINGTON[217], b. Jun 10, 1877, McCracken County, Kentucky[217]; d. Aug 28, 1944, Western State Hospital, Hopkinsville, Christian County, Kentucky[218].
Burial: Aug 30, 1944, New Liberty Cemetery, McCracken County, Kentucky[218]
Cause of Death: Intestinal Obstruction, Dementia Prascox, Paranoid Type[218]
Medical Information: Never married. Edward was in Western State Hospital when registering for the WWI Draft.

53. viii. QUITMON C. COVINGTON, b. Mar 15, 1880, McCracken County, Kentucky; d. Apr 03, 1947, Paducah, McCracken County, Kentucky.

17. JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4] EVERS *(JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Dec 07, 1843 in Graves County, Kentucky[219], and died Aug 26, 1910 in Illinois[220]. He married ANN ELIZA MCGEE Sep 07, 1865 in Hugh McGee's Residence, Pulaski County, Illinois[221,222], daughter of HUGH MCGEE and HARRIET METCALF. She was born Apr 02, 1850 in Near Grand Chain, Illinois, and died Dec 30, 1918 in Massac County, Illinois[223].

Notes for JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE EVERS:
Death Obit: Death of J.A.L. Evers
James A.L. Evers was born in Graves County, Kentucky, December 7, 1943; in December 1861 he enlisted in the 15th Regiment Illinois Cavalry having moved

to this state with his parents several years previously. He served his county three years and one month and was honorably discharged in January 1865. He was converted in his 14th year and lived a devoted Christian in the M.E. Church at Salem for 52 years; passed away in great peace Friday morning, August 26th, aged 66 years, 8 months, and 19 days. His funeral was held at Salem on Sunday August 28th at 11 a.m. A very large concourse of friends with the relatives followed the remains to their last resting place. The grave was covered with flowers. We do not sorrow as those who have no hope for as was said of old he was a good man and full of the Holy Second Spirit. The funeral was preached by his pastor, Rev. T.J. Overstreet, from Second Timothy, fourth chapter 7-8 verses. A good man is gone. The friends have the sympathy and respect of all who know them. He was married September 7, 1865, to Miss Ann Eliza McGee, daughter of Judge Hugh McGee of Pulaski County and who survives him, with four sons, Albert, James O., Luther L. and Hubert H. Evers and two daughters, Mrs. Cynthia Lippert, wife of Gus Lippert, and Mrs. Hattie Ferguson, wife of J.D. Ferguson of Tuscola, Illinois. Mr. Evers was an honorable man, a steadfast friend, a kind loving husband and father.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JAMES A. L. EVERS (Filed at Massac County Courthouse October 3, 1910 p.145-147)

I, James A. L. Evers of the County of Massac and State of Illinois, being of sound mind and disposing memory, do make, publish and declare this to the my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me at any time made.

As to all my worldly estate and all the property real, and personal or mixed of which of which I shall die seized and possessed or to which I shall be entitled at the time of my decease, I devise, bequeath, and dispose thereof in the following manner, to-wit:

My will is that all my just debts and funeral expenses shall be paid, by my executor here in after named out of my estate, as soon after my decease as he shall find convenient. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Anna E. Evers the control of and the income and profits of all my real estate and all my personal estate as long as she shall live, after my just debts and funeral expenses are paid. After my death and after the death of my wife, I will that my property be disposed of as follows. That all my real estate and all my personal estate be sold by my executor here in after named in any way that shall to him seem best, and the

proceeds to be distributed as follows.
1. One tenth (1/10) of all the money received from the sale of my real and personal estate, I will to be paid to the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church located in Logan Precinct in Massac County, and known as the Salem M.E. Church and said money to be placed on interest by the said trustees and the interest paid annually for the support of a Minister at the church.
2. I will that the balance of the money received from the sale of my real and personal estate to equally divided between my children, Albert W. Evers, James O. Evers, Cynthia Lippert, Lurther (mispelled) L. Evers, Harriett H. Ferguson and Hubert H. Evers.
And in case Albert W. Evers should die before taking his part of the above estate, I will and bequeath his share of the said estate to his child Eunice, but the money shall not be paid to her until she is twenty-one years of age.
Lastly I do nominate my son Albert W. Evers to be the executor of this my last will and testament and case he does not act he may nominate either James or Luther Evers as executors.
In witness whereof, I the said James A. L. Evers have to this my last will and testament consisting of two sheets of paper, subscribed my name, this fourth day of October in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nine
James A. L. Evers
Subscribed, Published and declared by the said James A. L. Evers as and for his last will and testament, in the presence of us, who at his request and in his presence of each other, have subscribed our names as witnesses there to, Fred Smith, Metropolis, Illinois Anna E. Henne

Albert W. Evers, James O. Evers, Luther L. Evers, Hubert H. Evers - Grand Chain, Illinois
Cynthia Lippert - Karnak, Illinois
Harriett Ferguson, Tuscola, Illinois

James was injured twice during the Civil War fighting under General Grant. His major injury came from an accidental shot from his Captain's pistol. They were out on a "scout", letting their horses drink at a stream and the Captain's horse shook all over. The Captain had his pistol primed and cocked; the horse must have bumped the Captain and causing the pistol to go off. This was the affidavit

given by the Captain when James applied for a pension. The shot went thru the inside of the upper left calf and exited the lower right side of the ankle. The other gunshot injury was basically a skin wound that happened during a battle. James claimed other disabilities due to poor environment & water during battle and siege of Fort Donnellson & Fort Henry.

More About JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE EVERS:
Burial: Aug 28, 1910, Lower Salem Methodist Cemetery, Massac County, Illinois
Census: Apr 29, 1910, Hillerman, Massac County, Illinois[224]
Military service: 1865, Civil War, Illinois 15th Calvary
Occupation 1: Justice of the Peace, Farmer
Occupation 2: Apr 29, 1910, Farmer on his farm
Religion: Methodist
Will: Oct 09, 1909, Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois

Notes for ANN ELIZA MCGEE:
"The Republican Herald" Death Announcement
Ann Eliza McGee, daughter of Judge Hugh McGee, of Pulaski County, Illinois was born near Grand Chain on April 2, 1850. Upon the return from the Union Army of James A.L. Evers, she was united in marriage with him September 7, 1865. To that union were born nine children, six sons and three daughters. The eldest son, Johnie, drowned at 16 years of age. Hugh and Agnes died in infancy and there yet remains, Albert W. and James O. of Grand Chain, Mrs. Cynthia Lippert of Karnak, Mrs. Jay D. Ferguson of Salem, Illinois, Luther L. Evers of Metropolis and Hubert H. who is now with the colors somewhere in France. From the death of her husband in 1910, Mrs. Evers failed rapidly but her death was caused by pneumonia. She passed from this life to life eternal December 31, 1918. She had lived a consistent member of the Salem Methodist Episcopal church for fifty-three years and never was known to fail to testify to her Master's goodness and mercy any time or place the opportunity was given. Truly our church has lost a "Mother in Zion" but our loss is Heaven's gain and as she often prayed; "Not my will but Thine, O Lord be done."
Card of Thanks
We want to thank our many friends who so kindly gave us their aid and sympathy during the sad time through which we have just passed, that is, the sickness and

death of our beloved mother, Ann E. Evers. When the same sad hours come to you may God surround you with just such friends. Children.

More About ANN ELIZA MCGEE:
Burial: Jan 02, 1919, Lower Salem Methodist Cemetery, Massac County, Illinois[225]
Cause of Death: Pneumonia
Census: Apr 29, 1910, Hillerman, Massac County, Illinois[226]
Medical Information: Death Certificate signed by Alvin Smith, MC

Marriage Notes for JAMES EVERS and ANN MCGEE:
Marriage Register #1 1861-1904 at Pulaski County Court House. The couple was married by G.W. Brinston, Minister of the Gospel.
Children of JAMES EVERS and ANN MCGEE are:

i. JOHN WESLEY[5] EVERS, b. Apr 02, 1867, Illinois; d. Jul 29, 1883, Massac County, Illinois[227].
John drowned two weeks after Luther was born and this had an everlasting affect on the family. The children and grandchildren were not allowed near the water and most didn't know how to swim.
Burial: 1883, Lower Salem Methodist Cemetery, Massac County, Illinois[228]
Cause of Death: Drowning

54. ii. ALBERT WARREN EVERS, b. Dec 07, 1869, Massac County, Illinois; d. Jan 11, 1934, Lansing, Michigan.

iii. HUGH M. EVERS, b. Sep 11, 1872, Massac County, Illinois; d. Oct 08, 1872, Massac County, Illinois.
Burial: Oct 1872, Lower Salem Methodist Cemetery, Massac County, Illinois[228]

iv. ELIZA JANE EVERS, b. Sep 11, 1873, Massac County, Illinois; d. Sep 04, 1874, Massac County, Illinois.
Burial: Sep 1874, Lower Salem Methodist Cemetery, Massac County, Illinois

55. v. CYNTHIA CAROLINE EVERS, b. Sep 11, 1875, Massac County, Illinois; d. Apr 30, 1953, Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois.

56. vi. JAMES OLIVER EVERS, b. Feb 23, 1878, Grand Chain, Pulaski County, Illinois; d. Oct 27, 1926, St. Mary's Hospital, Centralia, Marion County, Illinois.

57. vii. LUTHER LAFAYETTE EVERS, b. Jul 15, 1883, Rd. District #6, Massac County, Illinois; d. Jun 15, 1945, Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois.

58. viii. HARRIETT HESTER EVERS, b. Sep 21, 1886, Hillerman, Massac County, Illinois; d. Mar 12, 1958, Massac County, Illinois.

59. ix. HUBERT HUFFMAN EVERS, b. Jul 26, 1893, Illinois; d. Feb 26, 1963, Illinois.

18. NANCY MINERVA[4] EVERS *(JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Jun 21, 1846 in Kentucky[229], and died Oct 22, 1888 in Illinois[230]. She married JACOB CALVIN PEELER Mar 01, 1863 in Massac County, Illinois[231 232], son of ABRAHAM PEELER and OMA POOL. He was born Jul 22, 1839 in North Carolina, and died Dec 03, 1901.

More About NANCY MINERVA EVERS:
Burial: Oct 1888, West Eden Cemetery, Lower Cache Township, Johnson County, Illinois[233]
Census 1: 1870, Cache Township, Johnson County, Illinois[234]
Census 2: 1880, Cache Township, Johnson County, Illinois[235]

More About JACOB CALVIN PEELER:
Burial: Dec 1909, West Eden Cemetery, Cache Township, Johnson County, Illinois[236]
Census 1: Jul 26, 1870, Cache Township, Johnson County, Illinois
Census 2: Jun 26, 1880, Cache Township, Johnson County, Illinois
Census 3: Jun 04, 1900, with 2nd wife and their children[237]
Military service: Civil War, Co. D 56th Regiment, Corporal
Occupation: 1880, Farmer listed on the census[238]

Children of NANCY EVERS and JACOB PEELER are:

i. ARTHUR[5] PEELER, b. Abt. 1863, Illinois[239].
Census 1: 1870, Cache Township, Johnson County, Illinois
Census 2: 1880, Cache, Johnson, Illinois, United States[239]

60. ii. CYNTHA J. PEELER, b. Aug 20, 1866, Illinois; d. Jun 20, 1902.

61. iii. ALEXANDER JULUS PEELER, b. Abt. 1868, Illinois.

iv. ABRAM PEELER, b. May 13, 1870, Illinois[240]; d. Jun 27, 1870, Johnson County, Illinois[241].
Burial: Jun 1870, West Eden Cemetery, Lower Cache Township, Johnson County, Illinois[242]

62. v. JACOB C. PEELER, b. Oct 13, 1871, Johnson County, Illinois; d. Aug 19, 1948, Marion, Williamson County, Illinois.

63. vi. OMA PEELER, b. Nov 1875, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois.

vii. JOHN PEELER, b. Jun 08, 1876, Illinois[243]; m. ELLEN ///.
John was described as medium height, medium build, dark hair and blue eyes on his WWI draft registration card.

viii. ANNIE PEELER, b. Abt. 1878, Illinois.

ix. ETHEL PEELER[244], b. Oct 23, 1882, Johnson County, Illinois; d. Dec 09, 1882, Johnson County, Illinois.
Burial: Dec 1882, West Eden Cemetery, Lower Cache Township, Johnson County, Illinois[245]

19. JOHN WESLEY H.[4] EVERS *(JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Dec 03, 1848 in Graves County, Kentucky[246], and died Oct 06, 1920 in Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois[247]. He married QUINETTA JETT[247] Jul 05, 1874 in McCracken County, Kentucky[248,249], daughter of ROBERT JETT and FRANCES PITT. She was born Mar 08, 1858 in Kentucky, and died Sep 02, 1926 in Benton, Franklin County, Illinois.

Notes for JOHN WESLEY H. EVERS:
Death Obit - The Republican Herald- Metropolis, Ill Thursday, October 9, 1920, Page 1
The death of John W. Evers, which occurred at his home on East Eight Street Tuesday evening came as a most unexpected surprise to all and is deeply regretted by all. Mr. Evers had been in poor health for the past year or more due in part to the infirmities that attend advanced age, but has been at work regular at the Roberts Leggett box factory and worked up until last Friday afternoon when he laid off work to attend the M.E. conference held here last week.
Mr. Evers was a son of John and Cynthia Evers of Kentucky. He came to Illinois in the year 1857, and has, with the exception of a short time spent with his family in Arkansas where he moved, but shortly returned here continuously.
He was married to Miss Quinne Jett in 1874, and to the union four children were born, two having passed away, the others surviving being a son Jett Evers of this city and Mrs. Myrtle Witterquist of Elgin.
Deceased also leaves besides his wife other relatives and a host of friends to mourn his demise. Mr. Luther L. Evers our present County Superintendent of schools is a nephew of the deceased.
John W. Evers was a member for over thirty years of the M.E. church of this city and a good Christian worker and one of the best citizens that Massac county has ever known. Be is said in honor to the memory of a good man and an upright, honest, industrious citizen, friend and neighbor who has passed forever from the

walks of life over into the mysterious borderland of restful dreams that no mark or blemish or stain can be found, after over half a century's association with the people of this county, to mar the beauty of a character that was almost without a blemish, and he was known by all as a man of unimpeachable worth, honor and integrity. Mr. Evers ran away from home when only 14 years of age and joined the union army but was later followed and taken bake home by his father. He ran away again later on and joined what he thought to be the union forces but which afterwards proved to be the Kentucky State militia or "Home Guards" yet they were with the union forces on several engagements and saw actual service to an extent.

As a man prominently identified with the official affairs of Massac county he served two terms as deputy sheriff, on under Robert C. Barham, the second under Green W. Smith and then made the race and was elected and served one term as sheriff of Massac county.

The funeral was held this afternoon from the home of the family on East Eighth street at 2 o'clock. Rev. Shumard being chosen to preach the sermon. The body was taken to the Masonic cemetery for burial. The wife, children and the other surviving relatives we offer our deep sympathy.

Burial: Oct 07, 1920, Masonic Cemetery, Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois
Cause of Death: Paralysis super induced by Cerebral Hemorrhage
Census 1: Jun 04, 1880, Fayetteville, Washington County, Arkansas[250]
Census 2: Jan 06, 1920, Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois[251]
Occupation: Jan 06, 1920, Laborer at the Stove Plant
Residence: 1876, Ash Ridge, Massac County, Illinois (State Atlas)

Notes for QUINETTA JETT:
Death Obit "The Republican Herald" Wednesday September 8, 1926
Mrs. Quinn Evers Died at Benton - Mrs. Quinn (Jett) Evers, a well known aged lady, died at Benton, Illinois, last Thursday. She had been residing at the home of her son Jett Evers, for some time. The body was brought to Metropolis and a funeral services, under the direction of W.P. Baynes, were held at the First Methodist church at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Rev. McPherson officiating. Burial was in the Masonic cemetery. The Order of Eastern Star attended in a body. Mrs. Evers was born in Kentucky March 8, 1858. She was united in marriage to John W. Evers, July 5, 1875. Mr. Evers was for many years sheriff

of Massac County. Four children were born to them, two of them, Carrie and Robbie, preceding the parents in death. The two children now living are Mrs. Myrtle Wetterquist of Elgin, Illinois, and Jett Evers of Benton. She leaves three sisters and her mother, Mrs. Robert Jett, who is past 86 years of age; who lives in Wickliffe, Ky. She was also the grandmother of Mrs. Valeria Rankin of Metropolis, and an aunt of County Superintendent Luther L. Evers. Her husband died several years ago.
Mrs. Evers was a member of the M.E. church, having united with that body of Christians in 1885. She was faithful unto death, and was especially a great worker in the ladies aid society. She was also a member of the Order of Eastern Star. She was a splendid woman, loved by all who knew her.
Burial: Sep 05, 1926, Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois
Cause of Death: Cerebral Hemorrhage - 4 days per death certificate with Jett Evers as informant
Census 1: Jun 04, 1880, Fayetteville, Washington County, Arkansas
Census 2: Jan 06, 1920, Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois[251]

Marriage Notes for JOHN EVERS and QUINETTA JETT:
James R. Covington was a bondsman for John Evers for the sum of $100.00. John's occupation was listed as a farmer. Quinetta was listed as Queen E. Jett. This was the first marriage for the couple and their witnesses were H.C. Pitt and J. Brachman and "many others". They were married at Robert Jett's place of residence. John listed his father's POB as Virginia. Remarks on Marriage Certificate was "May you live long and prosper."

Children of JOHN EVERS and QUINETTA JETT are:

64. i. MYRTLE[5] EVERS, b. Sep 13, 1876, McCracken County, Kentucky; d. 1963.
ii. CARRIE EVERS, b. Apr 1878; d. Bef. 1880.
iii. ROBBIE EVERS[252], b. Mar 08, 1880, Fayetteville, Washington County, Arkansas; d. Nov 22, 1902, Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois[253].
Robbie had lived in Illinois 18 years before her death.
Burial: Nov 25, 1902, Masonic Cemetery, Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois
Cause of Death: Typhus Abdominalis with Complication of Cardiovascular weakness for 21 days
Census: Jun 04, 1880, Fayetteville, Washington County, Arkansas[254]
65. iv. MAURICE JETT EVERS, b. Dec 20, 1895, Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois; d. Mar 1967, Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida.

20. HARRIET CATHERINE[4] EVERS *(JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[255,256] was born Mar 20, 1852 in Woodville, Kentucky[257]. She married WILLIAM FRANK WILLIS[258,258] Mar 23, 1873 in Newton Creek Baptist Church, McCracken County, Kentucky[259,260]. He was born Jan 26, 1851 in Henry County, Tennessee, and died May 06, 1925 in Carroll County, Arkansas.

More About HARRIET CATHERINE EVERS:
Name 2: Hattie Evers[261]
Census 1: Jun 16, 1880, Eureka Springs, Carroll County, Arkansas[262]
Census 2: Jan 18, 1900, Eureka Springs, Carroll County, Arkansas[263]
Census 3: Jan 13, 1920, Cedar Township, Eureka Springs City, Carroll County, Arkansas[264]

More About WILLIAM FRANK WILLIS:
Burial: May 1925, Eureka Springs Cemetery, Eureka Springs, Carroll County, Arkansas
Census 1: Jun 16, 1880, Eureka Springs, Carroll County, Arkansas[265]
Census 2: Jan 18, 1900, Eureka Springs, Carroll County, Arkansas[266]
Census 3: Jan 13, 1920, Cedar Township, Eureka Springs City, Carroll County, Arkansas[267]
Occupation 1: 1880, Saloon Keeper as listed in Census
Occupation 2: 1900, Policeman[268]
Occupation 3: 1920, Road Overseer
Residence: 1870, Precinct 6, McCracken, Kentucky[269]

Marriage Notes for HARRIET EVERS and WILLIAM WILLIS:
J.R. Covington was the bondsman for William Frank Willis for the sum of $100.00. Wm. Frank's parents were both born in Henry County, Tennessee and his occupation was farmer. This was the first marriage for the couple. Their witnesses were S.B.(R) Vance and J. Crawford and large congregation and married by E.W. Benson, Baptist Minister. Harriett (Hattie) listed her father from Pennsylvania and mother from North Carolina.

Children of HARRIET EVERS and WILLIAM WILLIS are:
66. i. LINDA MAY[5] WILLIS, b. Feb 09, 1874, McCracken County, Kentucky.

ii. MAGGIE O WILLIS[270], b. Oct 15, 1876, McCracken County, Kentucky[271,272]. Census: Jun 16, 1880, Eureka Springs, Carroll County, Arkansas

iii. AGNES WILLIS, b. Dec 1879, Eureka Springs, Carroll County, Arkansas. Census: Jun 16, 1880, Eureka Springs, Carroll County, Arkansas

iv. EUREKA BELLE WILLIS[273], b. Jun 02, 1881, Eureka Springs, Carroll County, Arkansas; d. Oct 14, 1956; m. FRANK A GLEASON[273]; b. 1874, Missouri[273].

More About EUREKA BELLE WILLIS:
Burial: Oct 1956, Eureka Springs Cemetery, Eureka Springs, Carroll County, Arkansas
Census 1: Jan 18, 1900, Eureka Springs, Carroll County, Arkansas[274]
Census 2: May 02, 1910, Eureka Springs, Carroll County, Arkansas[275]
Occupation: 1910, Sales Lady at Dry Goods Store[275]
Census 3: 1930, Tulsa, Tulsa County, Oklahoma[276]

More About FRANK A GLEASON:
Census: 1930, Tulsa, Tulsa County, Oklahoma[276]

67. v. LAURA WILLIS, b. Oct 1883, Eureka Springs, Carroll County, Arkansas.

68. vi. BESSE BLANCHE WILLIS, b. Apr 1886, Eureka Springs, Carroll County, Arkansas.

vii. FRANK WILLIS, b. Oct 12, 1889, Eureka Springs, Carroll County, Arkansas[277]. According to the WWI Registration Card, "Willie" Frank Willis was married, a farmer and had 3 children by June 5, 1917. He was described as tall, medium built, light blue eyes with black hair.
Date born 2: Oct 12, 1889, Murfreesboro, Arkansas
Census 1: Jan 18, 1900, Eureka Springs, Carroll County, Arkansas[278]
Census 2: 1900, Eureka Springs Ward 1, Carroll, Arkansas[279]
Residence: Jun 05, 1917, Mena, Polk County, Arkansas[280]

21. CAROLINE[4] GRIMES *(MATILDA[3] EVERS, WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born 1840 in Kentucky[281]. She married WILLIAM RILEY PERRYMAN[281] Jun 15, 1859 in Massac County, Illinois[281]. He was born 1824 in Tennessee[281].

Child of CAROLINE GRIMES and WILLIAM PERRYMAN is:

i. MATILDA J.[5] PERRYMAN, b. Abt. 1860, Arkansas.

22. JAMES ROBERT[4] EVERS *(JOSEPH NATHAN[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[282,283] was born Aug 05, 1846 in Illinois, and died Jan 20, 1938 in Pulaski County,

Illinois[284]. He married CHARLOTTE COPLAND[285,286,287] Mar 15, 1866 in Massac County, Illinois[288], daughter of ALFRED COPLAND and CATHERINE ELKINS. She was born 1847 in Illinois[289], and died Mar 31, 1937 in Pulaski County, Illinois[290].

More About JAMES ROBERT EVERS:
Census 1: 1850, Massac County, Illinois[291]
Census 2: 1860, Massac County, Illinois[292]
Occupation: 1883, General Merchandise[293]

More About CHARLOTTE COPLAND:
Census: 1850, Massac County, Illinois[294]

Children of JAMES EVERS and CHARLOTTE COPLAND are:

i. MARTHA[5] EVERS[295,296].

69. ii. WILLIAM FRANCIS EVERS, b. Dec 24, 1866, Massac County, Illinois; d. Mar 06, 1940, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois.

iii. ELIZABETH CATHERINE EVERS[297,298,299,300,301], b. Apr 20, 1870, Massac County, Illinois; d. Aug 21, 1962, Johnson City, Williamson County, Illinois; m. (1) JOHN D. REESE, Jul 03, 1886, Vienna, Johnson County, Illinois[302]; b. Abt. 1863, Jackson County, Illinois; m. (2) JOHN L DOWNIN, Jun 25, 1890, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[303]; m. (3) AUGUSTUS WILLARD TARR[304,305,306], 1903, Grand Chain, Pulaski County, Illinois; b. 1865, Illinois; d. Nov 23, 1943, Johnson City, Williamson County, Illinois[307].

Notes for ELIZABETH CATHERINE EVERS:
Death Obit:
Southern Illinoisan Newspaper, August 22, 1962, p.10
40-Year Johnson City Resident Dies at Home
Mrs. Elizabeth Tarr, 92, or 1109 Grand Avenue, Johnson City, died at 7 p.m. Tuesday at home after a long illness.
A resident of Johnson City 40 years, she was born April 30, 1870 in Massac County, the daughter of James and Charlet Evers, she married Dr. A.W. Tarr, a physician in Johnson City for many years, who died in 1943. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church.
Mrs. Tarr leaves a sister, Mrs. Maude Poulson of Joppa, three nieces and SBC nephews.
Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Murman and Wilson Funeral Home. The Rev. Floyd Hale of the First United Methodist Church will officiate. Burial will be in the Masonic Cemetery, Belknap. Friends may call at the funeral home.

More About ELIZABETH CATHERINE EVERS:
Census 1: 1900, Belknap, Johnson, Illinois[308]
Census 2: 1910, Grand Chain, Pulaski, Illinois[309]
Census 3: 1920, Karnak, Pulaski, Illinois[310]
Census 4: 1930, Johnston City, Williamson, Illinois[311]

Notes for AUGUSTUS WILLARD TARR:
Death Obit:
Johnston City Progress, Friday, 26 November, 1943
Funeral Services Thursday 1:30 for Dr. A.W. Tarr
Last rites for Dr. A. W. Tarr, 78, well-known physician, will be held Thursday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. The services will be conducted from the First Methodist Church by the pastor, Rev. Homer Young. Burial will be in the Masonic Cemetery at Belknap.
The body will lie in state at the home of his nephew, J.V. Evers, 1204 N. Monroe Avenue until the hour of the funeral services.
The aged physician passed away at 2 a.m., Tuesday at his home, 1109 Grand Avenue following three week illness from influenza and complications. He had been in failing health for the past few years.
Dr. Tarr was born at DuQuoin January 16, 1865, the son of U.P. and Eliza Tarr. He was married to Elizabeth C. Tarr at Grand Chain in 1903. He had practiced medicine for 40 years and for the last 20 years has made his home in this city. He was a member of the Methodist Church, the Masonic and Eastern Star Lodges.
Dr. Tarr was a great friend and booster of the local schools and attended all of their activities as long as health permitted. He was especially interested in the fraternal orders of which he was a member and served in various lodge offices. He had a talent at poetry and many of his compositions were read at various programs.
Beside his wife, he is survived by one daughter and one son: Mrs. Earle Porter of Roswell, N.M. and C.A. Tarr of Chicago. A sister, Mrs. Tom Gaunt of Texas and a brother, D.W. Tarr of Riverside, Calif. also survive.

More About AUGUSTUS WILLARD TARR:
Burial: 1943, Belknap Masonic Cemetery, Lower Cache Township, Johnson County, Illinois[312]
Census 1: 1910, Grand Chain, Pulaski, Illinois[313]
Census 2: 1920, Karnak, Pulaski County, Illinois[314]
Census 3: 1930, Johnston City, Williamson County, Illinois[315]

70. iv. JOHN ROBERT EVERS, b. Dec 23, 1874, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois; d. Dec 12, 1949, Pulaski County, Illinois.

v. ROLLA PORTER EVERS[316,317], b. Jul 25, 1877, Massac County, Illinois[318]; d. Jun 05, 1932, New Grand Chain, Pulaski County, Illinois[319]; m. ELIZABETH

ELEANOR JOHNSON.

Notes for ROLLA PORTER EVERS:
WWI Draft Registration physical description was of Medium Build, Medium Height, Grey Eyes & Auburn Hair.
Occupation: 1918, Barber in Barber Shop[320]
WW I Draft Registration: Sep 12, 1918, Grand Chain, Pulaski County, Illinois[320]

71. vi. ADOLPHUS LINN EVERS, b. Aug 29, 1880, Illinois; d. Aug 26, 1942, Salem, Marion County, Illinois.

vii. MAUDE EVERS, b. Jun 16, 1883, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[321]; d. Aug 15, 1965, Doctor's Hospital, Harrisburg, Saline County, Illinois; m. THOMAS POULSON[322]; b. Nov 16, 1875, Kentucky[322,323]; d. 1940.

Notes for MAUDE EVERS:
Obituary
Maude Poulson Funeral Services held Tuesday
Mrs. Maude Poulson, 82, of Johnson City, formerly of Joppa, died Sunday morning in Doctor's Hospital in Harrisburg.
She is survived by three nephews, Charles Evers of Cypress, Seth Evers of Salem and Willard Evers of Nashville, Tennessee.
Funeral services were held in the Wilson Funeral Home Chapel, 2 p.m. Tuesday with the Rev. homer Young officiating. Interment was in the Masonic Cemetery in Belknap.
Census: 1910, Hillerman, Massac County, Illinois[324]

More About THOMAS POULSON:
Census: 1910, Hillerman, Massac, Illinois[324]
Occupation: Barber in Barber Shop[325]

72. viii. JAMES HAL EVERS, b. Jul 17, 1889, Karnak, Pulaski County, Illinois; d. Jan 20, 1938, Pulaski County, Illinois.

23. GEORGE WASHINGTON[4] EVERS *(JOSEPH NATHAN[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[326,327] was born Feb 22, 1848 in Massac County, Illinois[327], and died Mar 21, 1921 in Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[328]. He married (1) MARTHA MOSS[329] Mar 11, 1871 in Massac County, Illinois[330]. He married (2) MARTHA HELEN COPLAND[331,332] Mar 08, 1874 in Massac County, Illinois[333], daughter of ALFRED COPLAND and CATHERINE ELKINS. She was born Feb 17, 1856 in Massac County, Illinois. He married (3) CAROLINE DUGGER Sep 23, 1884 in Justice Office, Massac County, Illinois[334], daughter of JOHN DUGGER and

MAHALA ROBERTS. She was born 1848 in Massac County, Illinois[335]. He married (4) HESTER I. THOMPSON[336] Mar 1888 in Massac County, Illinois[337,338]. She was born 1865, and died 1945.

More About GEORGE WASHINGTON EVERS:
Census 1: 1850, Massac County, Illinois
Census 2: 1860, Massac County, Illinois
Census 3: 1870, Massac County, Illinois
Census 4: 1880, Hillerman, Massac County, Illinois
Census 5: 1900, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois
Census 6: 1910, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois
Census 7: 1920, Cache, Johnson County, Illinois[339]
More About MARTHA HELEN COPLAND:
Census 1: 1860, Township 14 S Range 3 E, Massac County, Illinois[340]
Census 2: 1870, Township 14 Range 3, Massac County, Illinois[341]

Marriage Notes for GEORGE EVERS and HESTER THOMPSON:
This marriage license # was only item available in the source book as loose papers were found in the basement of the court house. Marriage # 1866, should be between March 25 - March 30, 1888.

More About HESTER I. THOMPSON:
Burial: 1945, Belknap Masonic Cemetery, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[342]
Census: 1920, Cache, Johnson County, Illinois[343]

Children of GEORGE EVERS and MARTHA COPLAND are:

i. ETHEL[5] EVERS[344,345,346], b. Jan 08, 1880, Illinois; d. Oct 20, 1930, Dongola, Union County, Illinois[347]; m. WILLIAM JOSHUA WRIGHT[348,349,350,351], Abt. 1904; b. 1860, Illinois[352,353]; d. Jul 25, 1925, Dongola, Union County, Illinois[354].

More About ETHEL EVERS:
Burial: Aft. Oct 20, 1930, Dongola Cemetery, Union County, Illinois
Census 1: 1910, Dongola, Union County, Illinois[355]
Census 2: 1920, Dongola, Union County, Illinois[356]
Census 3: 1930, Dongola, Union County, Illinois as a widow[357]

More About WILLIAM JOSHUA WRIGHT:
Burial: Aft. Jul 25, 1925, Dongola Cemetery, Union County, Illinois

Census 1: 1910, Dongola, Union County, Illinois[358]
Census 2: 1920, Dongola, Union County, Illinois[359]

73. ii. CHARLES ROBERT EVERS, b. Jan 09, 1877, Massac County, Illinois; d. Jan 09, 1950, Mounds, Pulaski County, Illinois.
iii. FANNIE HELEN EVERS, b. Jan 01, 1906, Illinois; d. Jul 07, 1907.
74. iv. CLARA MAY EVERS, b. Nov 23, 1874, Massac County, Illinois; d. 1954.

Children of GEORGE EVERS and HESTER THOMPSON are:

75. v. JESSE W.[5] EVERS, b. Apr 03, 1889, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois; d. May 22, 1945, Paducah, McCracken County, Kentucky.
76. vi. MONTE R. EVERS, b. Jan 10, 1903, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois.

24. WILLIAM BENJAMIN[4] EVERS *(JOSEPH NATHAN[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[360,361,362,363] was born Apr 15, 1853 in Massac County, Illinois[364,365], and died 1914 in Johnson County, Illinois. He married (1) VIRGINIA ALICE LANCASTER Jul 04, 1872 in Massac County, Illinois[366]. He married (2) TENNESSEE DANIELS Apr 27, 1884 in Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois[367]. She was born Abt. 1859. He married (3) AMANDA E. JAYNES[368,369,370] Aug 27, 1885 in Massac County, Illinois[371,372], daughter of VALENTINE JAYNES and // TUCKER. She was born Apr 1865 in Illinois[373,374,375], and died Apr 22, 1945 in Norwood Park, Cook County, Illinois.

More About WILLIAM BENJAMIN EVERS:
Census 1: 1860, Township 14 S Range 3 E, Massac County, Illinois[376]
Census 2: 1870, Township 14 Range 3, Massac County, Illinois[377]
Census 3: 1900, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[378]
Census 4: 1910, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[379]

More About AMANDA E. JAYNES:
Census 1: 1900, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[380]
Census 2: 1910, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[381]
Census 3: 1920, Cache, Johnson County, Illinois[382]
Census 4: 1930, Vienna, Johnson County, Illinois[383]

Children of WILLIAM EVERS and VIRGINIA LANCASTER are:

77. i. JAMES BENJAMIN[5] EVERS, b. Aug 08, 1873, Illinois; d. Sep 27, 1957, Marion, Williamson County, Illinois.
ii. CYNTHIA B. EVERS[384,385], b. 1876, Illinois[386]; m. HARVEY A. MORSE[387], Nov

29, 1894, John E. Holt's residence, Massac County, Illinois[388,389]; b. Abt. 1866, Massac County, Illinois.

More About CYNTHIA B. EVERS:
Census: 1880, Hillerman, Massac County, Illinois[390]

78. iii. ELIJAH NATHAN EVERS, b. Sep 19, 1880, Boaz, Johnson County, Illinois; d. May 09, 1938, Johnson County, Illinois.

Children of WILLIAM EVERS and AMANDA JAYNES are:

iv. WILLIAM CLARENCE[5] EVERS[391], b. Aug 25, 1886, Illinois[391,392].
Name 2: Clarence Evers[392]
Census 1: 1900, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[393]
Census 2: 1910, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[394]

79. v. HARRY CHESTER EVERS, b. Aug 03, 1888, Boaz, Illinois; d. Jan 1967.

vi. DESSIE MABEL EVERS[395,396], b. Feb 12, 1890, Massac County, Illinois[397,398].
Census: 1900, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[399]
Residence: 1910, Belknap, Johnson, Illinois[400]

vii. GEORGIA ANNE EVERS[401,402], b. Dec 20, 1891, Illinois[403,404].
Census 1: 1900, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[405]
Census 2: 1910, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[406]

viii. LEWIS FRANKLIN EVERS[406], b. Aug 12, 1896, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[407] m. Ada about 1918.
Census 1: 1900, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[408]
Census 2: 1910, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[409]
Census 3: 1930, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois (Family-Ada(wife), Beverly (4 yr. Dau), Lewis, Jr. and William (4yr old son and 7/12 yr old son).
Occupation: Sears Roebuck, Arlington Heights, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois
Occupation: 1930, Coffee Salesman
WWI Draft Registration: Chicago, Illinois
WWII Draft Registration: Chicago, Illinois

80. ix. RAY MARSHALL EVERS, b. Jan 01, 1900, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois.

x. EDITH GAYNELL EVERS, b. Aug 03, 1902, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[410]; d. Sep 23, 1999, Johnson County, Illinois[410].
Census 1: 1910, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[411]
Census 2: 1920, Cache, Johnson County, Illinois[412]

xi. IOLA CHLORE EVERS[413,414], b. Jan 24, 1908, Johnson County, Illinois[415].
Census 1: 1910, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[416]
Census 2: 1920, Cache, Johnson County, Illinois[417]

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25. NANCY CAROLINE[5] PETTIT *(JANE[4] EVERS, JAMES ROBERT[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[418] was born Abt. 1857 in Illinois. She married (1) GEORGE A. PHILLIPS Mar 19, 1871 in Pulaski County, Illinois[419]. She married (2) ANDREW JACKSON RAGLE[420] Jan 19, 1879 in Fayette County, Illinois.

More About NANCY CAROLINE PETTIT:
Census 1: 1860, Grand Chain, Pulaski County, Illinois
Census 2: 1870, Grand Chain, Pulaski County, Illinois

Child of NANCY PETTIT and ANDREW RAGLE is:
81. i. ELLA MAY[6] RAGLE, b. Mar 1882, Illinois.

26. CICERO AUGUSTUS[5] THRASHER *(JANE[4] EVERS, JAMES ROBERT[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[421] was born Oct 1871, and died 1958 in Dunklin County, Missouri. He married JULIA GRIMES Dec 30, 1888 in Pulaski County, Illinois[422]. She was born 1872 in McCracken County, Kentucky, and died Feb 12, 1917 in Dunklin County, Missouri.

More About CICERO AUGUSTUS THRASHER:
Burial: 1958, Lloyd Cemetery, Holcomb, Missouri
Namesake: 1871, Uncle Volney Cicero Evers

Children of CICERO THRASHER and JULIA GRIMES are:
82. i. LOUIE[6] THRASHER, b. Mar 16, 1891, Illinois; d. Oct 23, 1964.
ii. ELLA THRASHER, b. Oct 1894.
iii. ETTA THRASHER, b. Jun 22, 1897, Rector, Clay County, Arkansas; d. Jun 02, 1991, Kennett, Dunklin County, Missouri; m. MELVIN TROUT; b. Jul 24, 1896; d. Nov 10, 1959.
iv. MAUDE THRASHER, b. Jan 1900; m. VIRGIL CALER.
v. LIZZIE THRASHER, b. Abt. 1903; m. WILL CHAMPMAN.
vi. PEARLIE THRASHER, b. Aug 24, 1906, Greenway, Clay County, Arkansas; d. Mar 31, 1993, Sikeston, Missouri.
vii. EFFIE THRASHER, b. Abt. 1908, Haywood, Clay County, Arkansas; m. CHARLY KIRBY.
viii. EVA THRASHER[423], m. DENNIS MILLER[423], Nov 30, 1927, Kennett, Dunklin County, Missouri[424].

27. OLIVER PERRY[5] THRASHER *(JANE[4] EVERS, JAMES ROBERT[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Jun 10, 1873. He married (1) ROSELLA CHUMLEY. He married (2) GEORGE ANNA SNEED Jan 11, 1894 in Pulaski County, Illinois[425], daughter of GEORGE SNEED and LAURA FEREKER. She was born Jan 1879 in Pulaski County, Illinois.

Child of OLIVER THRASHER and GEORGE SNEED is:

i. VIRGIE[6] THRASHER, b. Jan 1896.

28. MINNIE L.[5] EVERS *(WILLIAM W.[4], JAMES ROBERT[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Jul 15, 1874 in Pulaski County, Illinois, and died Oct 24, 1946 in Los Angeles, California[426]. She married FRANK W. PHELPS Jan 28, 1896 in Dexter, Stoddard County, Missouri[427]. He was born Apr 1872 in Illinois[428], and died Bef. 1930.

Notes for MINNIE L. EVERS:
Census 1: 1880, Hillerman, Massac County, Illinois[429]
Census 2: 1900, Murphysboro, Jackson County, Illinois
Census 3: 1910, Seattle, King County, Washington
Census 4: 1920, Seattle, King County, Washington
Census 5: 1930, Seattle, King County, Washington, Minnie is listed as a widow
Occupation: 1930, operator in a ?Confect store.

More About FRANK W. PHELPS:
Name 2: A. C. Jr. Phelps[430]
Census 1: 1900, Murphysboro, Jackson County, Illinois[431]
Census 2: 1910, Seattle, King County, Washington[432]
Census 3: 1920, Seattle, King County, Washington[433]
Occupation: 1900, Railroad Brakeman[434]

Marriage Notes for MINNIE EVERS and FRANK PHELPS:
On the marriage certificate, both listed that they were residents of Cairo, Alexander County, Illinois. Frank's name was A. F/O? Phelps, Jr.

Children of MINNIE EVERS and FRANK PHELPS are:

i. LAVANIA F.[6] PHELPS[435], b. Jun 1895, Oklahoma.
Census: 1910, Seattle Ward 3, King County, Washington[435]

ii. JEMINGS T. PHELPS[435], b. Abt. 1902, Illinois.
Census: 1910, Seattle Ward 3, King County, Washington[435]

iii. DOROTHY L. PHELPS[435], b. Abt. 1905, Illinois.
Census: 1910, Seattle Ward 3, King County, Washington[435]

iv. ARNETIA L. PHELPS[435], b. Abt. 1906, Texas.
Census: 1910, Seattle Ward 3, King County, Washington[435]

v. CLIFTON C. PHELPS[436], b. Abt. 1907, Washington.
Census: 1920, Seattle, King County, Washington[436]

29. ERNEST PAUL[5] EVERS *(VOLNEY CICERO[4], JAMES ROBERT[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Sep 12, 1874 in Villa Ridge, Pulaski County, Illinois, and died Jul 22, 1945 in Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California[437]. He married (1) MARY JUANITA POPHAM. She was born Sep 13, 1888 in Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky[438], and died May 30, 1988 in Livermore, Alameda County, California[439]. He married (2) MARTHA // Abt. 1898[440]. She was born Abt. 1872 in Indiana[440].

Notes for ERNEST PAUL EVERS:
Ernest was found in Spokane, Washington as a clerk in the city directory of 1890. In Ernest's father' death obit, listed Ernest living in Los Angeles, California. Found Ernest Paul Evers in the California Death Index with mother's maiden name as Hoopwa, so I accepted this as Volney's son. "Search for a Grave" website listed a Ernest Evers with the same DOB and DOD, this Ernest was a film actor and appeared in "The Victim" (1915), "A Game of Life" (1914), and "The Jungle" (1914). Bio was by Kristian T. Peterson

More About ERNEST PAUL EVERS:
Burial: Jul 1945, Chapel of the Pines Crematory, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California
Census 1: 1880, Shawneetown, Gallatin County, Illinois[441]
Census 2: 1900, St. Louis, St. Louis, Missouri[442]
Census 3: 1920, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California[443]
Census 4: 1930, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California[444]

Occupation 1: 1900, Collector for Railroad[445]
Occupation 2: Bet. 1914 - 1915, Film Actor
Occupation 3: 1915, Actor/film writer He appeared in 15 silent films and wrote 1 film
Occupation 4: 1930, Toy Manufacturer[446]

More About MARY JUANITA POPHAM:
Name 2: Juanita M. Evers[447]
SSN issued: California[447]

More About MARTHA //:
Census: 1900, St. Louis, St. Louis, Missouri[448]

Child of ERNEST EVERS and MARY POPHAM is:
83. i. KING WALLACE[6] EVERS, b. Dec 16, 1914, Arizona; d. Apr 26, 1988, Livermore, Alameda County, California.

30. ARTHUR ST. CLAIR[5] EVERS *(VOLNEY CICERO[4], JAMES ROBERT[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Aug 07, 1877 in Illinois, and died Jun 16, 1943 in Los Angeles, California[449,450]. He married ELEANOR WISDOM Abt. 1906, daughter of WILLIAM A WISDOM. She was born Mar 1889 in New York.

Notes for ARTHUR ST. CLAIR EVERS:
Arthur listed his birth in 1879 which is in error as his sister, Virginia, was born in that year and I have a copy of her birth certificate.
Date born 2: Sep 07, 1879, Paducah, Kentucky[451]
Census 1: 1900, St Louis Ward 4, St Louis (Independent City), Missouri[452]
Census 2: 1880, Shawneetown, Gallatin County, Illinois[453]
Census 3: 1910, Brooklyn Ward 23, Kings, New York[454]
Census 4: Bet. 1910 - 1920, New York, Brooklyn, Kings District with mother-in-law
Occupation 1: 1910, Actor as listed on 1910 Census
Occupation 2: 1920, Watchman at Factory per 1920 Census
Residence: 1942, Brooklyn, New York[455]
More About ELEANOR WISDOM:

Census 1: 1900, Brooklyn Ward 23, Kings County, New York[456]
Census 2: 1910, Brooklyn Ward 23, Kings County, New York[457]
Census 3: Bet. 1910 - 1920, living with husband in mother's house.

Child of ARTHUR EVERS and ELEANOR WISDOM is:

i. ELEANOR[6] EVERS, b. Abt. 1915, Brooklyn, New York; m. // SUPIN.
William listed his daughter has Eleanor Supin as a contact person on his US WWII Draft Registration Card. She was living in Brooklyn, NY.
Census 1: 1920, Kings District, Brooklyn, New York[458]
Census 2: 1930, Brooklyn, Kings, New York with her Aunt Lillian Wisdom[459]

31. VIRGINIA CICERO[5] EVERS *(VOLNEY CICERO[4], JAMES ROBERT[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[460] was born Aug 06, 1879 in Joppa, Massac County, Illinois[461], and died May 23, 1969 in Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri[462]. She married DAVID MCFARLAND[463,464,465] Oct 25, 1898 in Jackson, Jackson County, MO[466], son of JAMES MCFARLAND and CAROLINE HOUSER. He was born May 14, 1873 in Butler, Missouri[467], and died Apr 15, 1950 in Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri[467].

Notes for VIRGINIA CICERO EVERS:
1930 Census listed Virginia as being 46 years old, in which she should had been 50 years old. Also SSDI listed her DOB as August 6, 1880 which is 1 year later.

KANSAS CITY STAR OBIT MAY 24, 1969 - MRS VIRGINIA C. McFARLAND
Mrs. Virginia C. McFarland of 2681 Kensington, died yesterday at the home. She was born in Joppa, Ill., and had lived most of her life. Mrs. McFarland was a member of the College Heights Methodist church. Surviving are a son, Gene E. McFarland, 2644 the Paseo; a daughter, Mrs. Virginia Sobbe of the home; a grandchild, and two great-grandchildren.
KANSAS CITY STAR FUNERAL NOTICE MAY 24, 1969 - MCFARLAND, MRS. VIRGINIA C. of 2681 of Kensington, passed away May 23rd, 1969. Services 1:30 p.m. Monday in the chapel MAIN AT LINWOOD. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery. Friends may call at the chapel after 4 p.m. Sunday. MELLODY-McGILLEY-EYLAR MAIN AT LINWOOD

Burial: May 26, 1969, Memorial Park Cemetery, Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri
Census 1: 1880, Shawneetown, Gallatin County, Illinois[468]
Census 2: Apr 19, 1910, Bell Ave., 20 Ward, St. Louis County, St. Louis, Missouri[469]
Census 3: Jan 16, 1920, Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri[470]
Census 4: Apr 02, 1930, Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri[471]
Social Security Number: Issued in Missouri[472]

Notes for DAVID MCFARLAND:
WW I Registration listed David as Short with Blue eyes and Dark hair.
Burial: Apr 17, 1950, Memorial Park Cemetery, Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri[473]
Cause of Death: Aterio Macular Hemmorrhage 1 day due to Hypertension and Arterio Sclerosis[473]
Census 1: Apr 19, 1910, Bell Ave., 20 Ward, St. Louis County, St. Louis, Missouri[474]
Census 2: Jan 16, 1920, Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri[475]
Census 3: 1930, Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri[476]
Medical Information: Informant was Mrs. Virginia C. McFarland, his wife.
Occupation 1: 1920, Painter per 1920 Census[477]
Occupation 2: 1930, Furniture Finisher per 1930 Census[478]
Occupation 3: Bet. 1930 - 1945, Gene McFarland Co., his son's company[479]
WW I Draft Registration: Sep 19, 1918, Registered as Telegrapher in Kansas City, Missouri[480]

Children of VIRGINIA EVERS and DAVID MCFARLAND are:

i. EUGENE EVERS[6] MCFARLAND, b. Sep 14, 1899, St. Louis, Missouri; d. Apr 07, 1988, Menorha Medical Center, Kansas City, MO[481]; m. CATHERINE MERRILL.

Notes for EUGENE EVERS MCFARLAND:
KANSAS CITY, MO TIMES-STAR OBIT MAY 8TH, 1988 - GENE E. McFARLAND
Gene E. McFarland, 88, Southwest Kansas City, former owner of Gene McFarland Interiors, died April 7, 1988, at Menorah Medical Center.
Mr. McFarland founded the furniture and interior decorating business, now known as Madden-McFarland Interiors, in 1920. He sold the business in 1980. He

sponsored and was a member of the first soccer teams in Kansas City. He was a charter member of the Blue Hills Country Club and a member of the Kansas City Club and the Kansas City Senior Golf Association. He was a member of the Christ the King Catholic Church, Kansas City. He was a lifelong Kansas City resident. Survivors include his wife, Catherine Merrill McFarland of the home; five grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the church; burial in Memorial Park Cemetery, Kansas City. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. at the McGilley Midtown Guardian Chapel, where prayer services will be at 7 p.m. The family suggest contributions to the church or to the Little Sisters of the Poor.

Burial: Apr 09, 1988, Memorial Park Cemetery, Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri

Census 1: Apr 19, 1910, St. Louis, St. Louis, Missouri[482]

Census 2: Jan 16, 1920, Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri[483]

Census 3: 1930, Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri listed as divorced.

WW I Draft Registration: Bet. 1917 - 1918, Tall, medium build, blue eyes & brown hair[484]

ii. VIRGINIA LENORA MCFARLAND[485], b. Feb 28, 1905, St. Louis, Missouri; d. Nov 14, 1977, Independence, Jackson County, Missouri[486]; m. JOSEPH L. SOBBE[487], Nov 03, 1947, Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri[487]; b. Jun 09, 1902, Kansas[488]; d. Apr 20, 1985, Santa Clara, California.

Notes for VIRGINIA LENORA MCFARLAND:

KANSAS CITY TIMES-STAR OBIT NOVEMBER 15, 1977 - MRS. JOSEPH L. SOBBE

Mrs. Virginia L. Sobbe, 72, of 2618 Kensington, died Monday after apparently suffering a heart attack in the office of her doctor, 1515 Truman Road, Independence. She was born in St. Louis and had lived here 65 years. Mrs. Sobbe leaves her husband, Joseph L. Sobbe of the home and a brother, Eugene E. McFarland, 819 Greenway Terrace. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Stine & McClure Chapel; burial in Memorial Park Cemetery, Kansas City. Friends may call from 7 to 8:30 p.m. tonight at the chapel.

Burial: Nov 16, 1977, Memorial Park Cemetery, Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri

Census 1: Apr 19, 1910, St. Louis, St. Louis County, Missouri[489]

Census 2: Jan 16, 1920, Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri[490]

More About JOSEPH L. SOBBE:

Burial: Memorial Park Cemetery, Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri

Census: 1920, Kansas City Ward 14, Jackson, Missouri[491]

iii. JAMES VERNON MCFARLAND[492], b. Oct 31, 1906, St. Louis, Missouri; d. Aug 20, 1959, Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri; m. MILDRED JOSEPHINE

RAGAN, Jun 25, 1928, Olathe, Kansas; b. Mar 27, 1909, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; d. Sep 07, 1997, Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri.
Name 2: Vernon McFarland[493]
Census 1: Apr 19, 1910, St. Louis, St. Louis County, Missouri[494]
Census 2: Jan 16, 1920, Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri[495]

32. KITTIE MAJEL[5] EVERS *(VOLNEY CICERO[4], JAMES ROBERT[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[496] was born Dec 14, 1893 in Walla Walla, Spokane County, Washington, and died Jun 11, 1967 in Long Beach, Los Angeles, California[497]. She married HUBERT CHARLES DUNLOP Nov 10, 1919 in Seattle, King County, Washington[498]. He was born Feb 05, 1884 in Minnesota.

Notes for KITTIE MAJEL EVERS:
Funeral Notice - Santa Ana Registry - June 12, 1967, p. D6
Dunlop, Majel E., 74, at 329 Park Avenue, Lone Beach, passed away Sunday, June 11th. She is survived by her daughters, Mrs. Majel Kerr, Orange, Mrs. Jasmyn Warren, Canoga Park, 4 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild, also a brother Volney Page Evers, Seattle, and many friends. She was an active member of the Grace Methodist Church of Long Beach and of the Calif. Real Estate Board. Graveside services will be held Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. at Fairhaven Memorial Park, Santa Ana, Ralph W. Shannon Funeral Service in charge.
Census 1: 1905, Newton, Harvey County, Kansas
Census 2: Apr 15, 1910, Seattle, King County, Washington
Census 3: 1920, Seattle, King County, Washington
Census 4: 1930, Seattle, King County, Washington
SSN issued: Washington

More About HUBERT CHARLES DUNLOP:
Census: Apr 07, 1930, Seattle, King County, Washington
Occupation: 1930, Salesman for Wholesale Groceries

Marriage Notes for KITTIE EVERS and HUBERT DUNLOP:
Kittie and Hubert were married by J.M. Cause, M.E. Minister and their witnesses were Mrs. V.C. Evers and Mrs. A.F. Dunlop. The marriage ceremony took place at the house of the bride.

Children of KITTIE EVERS and HUBERT DUNLOP are:

84. i. MAJEL JOYCE[6] DUNLOP, b. Mar 19, 1921, Washington; d. Nov 21, 1995, Alameda County, California.

ii. JASMYN DUNLOP, b. 1928; m. (1) ROBERT A. WARREN, Jul 10, 1964, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California[499]; b. Abt. 1930; m. (2) ROBERT C. HAMILTON, Apr 18, 1969, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California[499]; b. Abt. 1933.
Census: 1930, Seattle, King County, Washington

More About ROBERT WARREN and JASMYN DUNLOP:
Divorce: Nov 1967, Los Angeles City, California

More About ROBERT HAMILTON and JASMYN DUNLOP:
Divorce: Oct 22, 1980, Los Angeles, California

33. JOHN WESLEY[5] GREEN *(MARY JANE[4] EVERS, JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Dec 1848 in Graves County, Kentucky, and died Jun 26, 1915 in Jefferson County, Kentucky[500]. He married MARY F. GAUGH Mar 28, 1874 in Graves County, Kentucky[501]. She was born Oct 1854 in Graves County, Kentucky[502], and died 1933 in Graves County, Kentucky.

More About JOHN WESLEY GREEN:
Census 1: Jul 22, 1860, Graves County, Kentucky
Census 2: Sep 22, 1870, Graves County, Kentucky

More About MARY F. GAUGH:
Census: Jun 01, 1900, Graves County, Kentucky[502]

Children of JOHN GREEN and MARY GAUGH are:

i. NORA[6] GREEN, b. Oct 1895, Kentucky.

ii. ETHEL GREEN, b. Jan 1878, Kentucky; m. ORIS/ARIS J. JAMES, Abt. 1899; b. Apr 1874, Kentucky.

More About ORIS/ARIS J. JAMES:
Census: Jun 01, 1900, Living with in-laws in Graves County, Kentucky

iii. HUBERT GREEN.

iv. DOLA GREEN, b. Oct 1883.
85. v. BESSIE GREEN.
vi. DAISY A. GREEN, b. Dec 1887, Kentucky.
vii. JESSE R GREEN, b. Mar 1880, Kentucky.
viii. MARY B GREEN, b. Nov 1885, Kentucky.
ix. JOHNNIE H GREEN, b. Jul 1891, Kentucky.
x. RAYMOND GREEN, b. Sep 1893, Kentucky.
xi. ORA GREEN, b. Oct 1895, Kentucky.

34. CAROLINE E.[5] GREEN *(MARY JANE[4] EVERS, JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Nov 12, 1850 in Graves County, Kentucky[503], and died Jul 28, 1930 in Mayfield, Graves County, Kentucky[503]. She married WARREN J ELLIOTT Abt. 1874. He was born Dec 1846 in Kentucky.

More About CAROLINE E. GREEN:
Burial: Jul 30, 1930, Wichita, Kansas[503]
Cause of Death: Hypostatic pneumonia for 2 days due to Fractured Femur for 1 month, 10 days[503]
Census 1: Jul 22, 1860, Graves County, Kentucky
Census 2: Sep 22, 1870, Graves County, Kentucky
Census 3: Jun 1880, Conway, Sumner County, Kansas[504]
Census 4: Mar 01, 1888, Dodge City, Kansas[505]
Census 5: Apr 23, 1930, Living with her brother, Grant and his stepson in Mayfield, Graves County, Kentucky[506]
Medical Information: Caroline was widowed at the time of her death.

More About WARREN J ELLIOTT:
Census 1: Jun 1880, Conway, Sumner County, Kansas[507]
Census 2: Jun 14, 1900, South McAlester, Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory (Oklahoma)[508]
Census 3: Apr 21, 1910, South McAlester, Pittsburg County, Oklahoma[509]
Census 4: Jan 1920, Wichita City, Sedgwick County, Kansas[510]
Occupation 1: Jun 1880, Minister of the Gospel[511]
Occupation 2: Bet. 1900 - 1920, Real Estate Clerk[512]

Child of CAROLINE GREEN and WARREN ELLIOTT is:

i. JAMES[6] ELLIOTT, b. Abt. 1869, Missouri[513].
Census: Jun 1880, Conway, Sumner County, Kansas

35. EMMA Z[5] GREEN *(MARY JANE[4] EVERS, JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Apr 14, 1866 in Graves County, Kentucky, and died Mar 02, 1947 in Mayfield, Graves County, Kentucky. She married (1) ARTHUR ADAMS, son of JAMES ADAMS and MARGARET COREULISON. He was born Mar 22, 1877 in Kenton, Kentucky[514], and died Mar 21, 1942 in Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky[514]. She married (2) BENJAMIN FRANKLIN ADAMS Abt. 1886, son of JOHN ADAMS and MARY PATTERSON. He was born Apr 09, 1861 in Kentucky, and died Apr 30, 1944 in Mayfield, Graves County, Kentucky[514].

Notes for EMMA Z GREEN:
In the 1900 Census, Emma stated that she had 3 living children of 4 that she born.
Burial: Mar 04, 1947, Green's Chapel Cemetery, Graves County, Kentucky
Cause of Death: Bronchial Pneumonia for 3 days due to Cerebral Hemorrhage for 3 weeks[514]
Medical Information: Informant was Loren Adams. Emma was a widow at the time of her death.

More About ARTHUR ADAMS:
Burial: Mar 23, 1942, Hill Crest Cemetery
Cause of Death: Coronary Occlusions
Medical Information: Informant was Mrs. Emma G. Adams
Occupation: Auto Mechanic

More About BENJAMIN FRANKLIN ADAMS:
Burial: May 1944, Pleasant Grove Cemetery, aka Greenville Cemetery, Graves County, Kentucky
Cause of Death: ??Bronchitis[514]
Census: Jun 20, 1900, Graves County, Kentucky[515]
Medical Information: Informant was Loren Adams (Son).
Occupation: Farmer

Children of EMMA GREEN and BENJAMIN ADAMS are:

i. JOHN B[6] ADAMS, b. Sep 1886, Kentucky.
ii. CORRIE ADAMS, b. Sep 1888, Kentucky.
iii. LORAN ADAMS, b. Sep 1896, Kentucky.

36. GEORGE WASHINGTON[5] BOAZ *(MARTHA[4] EVERS, JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Sep 13, 1854 in Kentucky, and died Apr 21, 1877. He married SALLIE DAVIDSON.

More About GEORGE WASHINGTON BOAZ:
Census 1: Aug 18, 1860, Graves County, Kentucky[516]
Census 2: 1870, Graves County, Kentucky
Burial: Apr 1877, Little Boaz Cemetery, Graves County, Kentucky

Children of GEORGE BOAZ and SALLIE DAVIDSON are:
i. WALTER[6] BOAZ, b. 1874.
86. ii. EDNA BOAZ, b. Feb 01, 1876, McCracken County, Kentucky; d. Feb 04, 1974.

37. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN[5] BOAZ *(MARTHA[4] EVERS, JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Apr 13, 1856 in Kentucky, and died Oct 31, 1948 in Mayfield, Graves County, Kentucky[517]. He married SUSAN FRANCES NALL Dec 18, 1879 in Graves County, Kentucky. She was born Aug 18, 1860 in Tennessee, and died Sep 04, 1942 in Mayfield, Graves County, Kentucky[518].

More About BENJAMIN FRANKLIN BOAZ:
Burial: Nov 01, 1948, Maplewood Cemetery, Mayfield, Graves County, Kentucky
Cause of Death: Cerebral Hemorrhage due to Senility & Arteriosclerosis[519]
Census 1: Aug 18, 1860, Graves County, Kentucky[520]
Census 2: 1870, Graves County, Kentucky
Census 3: Apr 22, 1910, Graves County, Kentucky[521]
Census 4: Jan 20, 1920, Nichols School House District, Graves County, Kentucky[522]
Medical Information: Informant was Charlie Boaz from Mayfield, Kentucky.
Occupation 1: Merchant
Occupation 2: 1930, Paint Salesman

More About SUSAN FRANCES NALL:
Burial: Sep 05, 1942, Maplewood Cemetery, Mayfield, Graves County, Kentucky

Children of BENJAMIN BOAZ and SUSAN NALL are:

i. PEARL[6] BOAZ, b. Abt. 1891, Kentucky.
ii. HOWARD BOAZ, b. Abt. 1893, Kentucky.
87. iii. NANNIE MAY BOAZ, b. Abt. 1900, Kentucky.
iv. MILDRED BOAZ, b. Abt. 1902, Kentucky.

38. LINN BOYD[5] BOAZ *(MARTHA[4] EVERS, JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[523] was born Feb 07, 1858 in Paducah, McCracken County, Kentucky, and died 1902. He married LYDIA A. DOUGLAS Feb 24, 1881, daughter of JAMES DOUGLAS and CAROLINE PETTIT. She was born Abt. 1864 in Massac County, Illinois, and died 1915.

More About LINN BOYD BOAZ:
Census 1: Aug 18, 1860, Graves County, Kentucky
Census 2: 1870, Graves County, Kentucky
Census 3: Jun 08, 1900, Stark Township, Bradford County, Florida[524]
Occupation: Jun 08, 1900, Clerk

Marriage Notes for LINN BOAZ and LYDIA DOUGLAS:
Reference: Diary of Linn Boaz
"Thursday, February 24, 1881 as the soul starting point in life, married Miss Lydia Douglas. Married at her fathers, J.C. Douglas. There was a large crowd there who wished us much joy and a happy life. Married at 7 o'clock by candle light. The searmoney (ceremony) was said by James A. L. Evers, Had four waiters who were: Miss Ella COPLAND and Jacob Miller, and Miss Amanda WEST and William E. LACY. Candle holders were Miss Maggie L. COPLAND and John BOAZ. After the ceremony, we had a singing led by Mr. Robert ALEXANDER."

Children of LINN BOAZ and LYDIA DOUGLAS are:

i. LEONARD AUGUSTUS[6] BOAZ, b. Jun 08, 1882, Massac County, Illinois; d. Jun 06, 1883, Massac County, Illinois.
Burial: Jun 1883, Lower Salem Methodist Cemetery, Massac County, Illinois
88. ii. EFFIE AGNESS BOAZ, b. Jun 30, 1884, Road District # 4, Massac County, Illinois; d. Mar 17, 1970.
iii. ORVILLE LINN BOAZ[525], b. Dec 07, 1886, Boaz, Massac County, Illinois; d. Jan

1968, Duval County, Florida[526]; m. ALICE GIBBONS[527]; b. Abt. 1904, Kentucky.

Notes for ORVILLE LINN BOAZ:
According to WWI draft registration, Orville had grey eyes and chestnut colored hair.
Census 1: Jun 08, 1900, Stark, Bradford County, Florida[528]
Census 2: 1910, Colorado Springs, El Paso County, Colorado[529]
Census 3: 1930, Ashland, Boyd County, Kentucky[530]
Occupation: Bet. 1917 - 1918, Cable Tester-Cincinnati Surb. Telephone Office[531]
Residence: Jan 1968, Ponte Vedra Beach, St. Johns County, Florida

More About ALICE GIBBONS:
Census 1: Jan 22, 1920, Ashland, Boyd County, Kentucky[532]
Census 2: Apr 08, 1930, Ashland, Boyd County, Kentucky living with parents[533]

iv. TRESSIE M. BOAZ, b. Sep 1890, Boaz, Massac County, Illinois.
Census: Jun 08, 1900, Stark, Bradford County, Florida[534]

89. v. DELBERT JOHN BOAZ, b. Sep 05, 1892, Boaz, Massac County, Illinois; d. Jan 28, 1958, Duval County, Florida.

39. THOMAS DICK[5] BOAZ *(MARTHA[4] EVERS, JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[535] was born May 25, 1861 in Graves County, Kentucky[536], and died Nov 08, 1919 in Mayfield, Graves County, Kentucky. He married LUCY BROWN BELOTE, daughter of JOSEPH BELOTE and OPHELIA GARNETT. She was born Jul 12, 1870 in Kentucky, and died Feb 22, 1950 in Fuller-Gillian Hospital, Mayfield, Graves County, Kentucky[537].

More About THOMAS DICK BOAZ:
Burial: Nov 09, 1919, Maplewood Cemetery, Mayfield, Graves County, Kentucky[538]
Cause of Death: Tumor of the Brain for 1 year[538]
Census 1: 1870, Graves County, Kentucky
Census 2: Jun 15, 1880, Housemans District, Graves County, Kentucky
Census 3: 1900, Dublin, Graves, Kentucky[539]
Medical Information: Informant on Death Certificate was D.J. Boaz, Mayfield, Kentucky
Occupation: 1918, Post Office Clerk[540]

More About LUCY BROWN BELOTE:

Burial: Feb 24, 1950, Maplewood Cemetery, Mayfield, Graves County, Kentucky[541]
Cause of Death: Encephalitis & Post Influenzae 10 weeks
Funeral: Feb 24, 1950, Byrn Funeral Home, Mayfield, Graves County, Kentucky[542]
Residence: 1900, Dublin, Graves, Kentucky[543]

Children of THOMAS BOAZ and LUCY BELOTE are:

90. i. LURA[6] BOAZ, b. Nov 15, 1890, Kentucky; d. Mar 10, 1981, Monterey, California.

ii. LALA BOAZ[543], b. Jan 1896, Kentucky[543].
Census: 1900, Dublin, Graves, Kentucky[543]

iii. JOSEPH NOBLE BOAZ[543], b. Aug 07, 1899, Kentucky[543]; d. Aug 1972, Washington, District of Columbia, District of Columbia, United States of America[544].
Noble was described as tall, slender, grey eyes and dark hair on his WWI draft card.
Census: 1900, Dublin, Graves, Kentucky[545]
SSN issued: District of Columbia[546]
WW I Draft Registration: Sep 12, 1918, St. Louis, Missouri

iv. THENTON D. BOAZ, b. Aug 25, 1904, Graves County, Kentucky[546]; d. Jan 07, 1993, Pinehurst, Moore County, North Carolina[546].
Muster Date: Dec 1932
Rank: Lieutenant
Station: Headquarters And Headquarters Company, 4th Marines, MCEF, Shanghai, China
Residence: 1910, Magisterial District 5, Graves, Kentucky[547]
SSN issued: Kentucky[548]

40. JOHN DAVID EVERS[5] BOAZ *(MARTHA[4] EVERS, JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[549] was born Jan 26, 1867 in Kentucky, and died Dec 23, 1943 in Salem, Marion County, Illinois. He married ANNETTE JANE GARDNER 1900 in Union City, Obion County, Tennessee[550], daughter of WILLIAM GARDNER . She was born Mar 1877 in Tennessee, and died 1942. They were divorced before 1930.

More About JOHN DAVID EVERS BOAZ:
Census 1: 1870, Graves County, Kentucky
Census 2: Jun 15, 1880, Housemans District, Graves County, Kentucky

Census 3: Jun 20, 1900, Union City, Obion County, Tennessee[550]
Census 4: Apr 24, 1930, Springfield, Sangamon, Illinois as a Lodger[551] and married.
Occupation 1: 1900, School Teacher[552]
Occupation 2: 1910, Worked for a typewriter company
Occupation 3: 1930, Oil Salesman[553]

More About ANNETTE JANE GARDNER:
Census: Apr 11, 1930, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma[554] and divorced.
Occupation: Apr 11, 1930, Clerk in a hotel

Children of JOHN BOAZ and ANNETTE GARDNER are:

i. KNOX G[6] BOAZ, b. Jan 06, 1902, Tennessee[555]; d. May 1977, Arizona[555].
Occupation: 1930, Salesman for glove company
SSN issued: Bef. 1951, Oklahoma[555]

91. ii. EVERS HARPER BOAZ, b. Aug 10, 1908, Union City, Tennessee; d. Mar 08, 1983, Port St. Lucie, Florida.

iii. RUTH BOAZ, b. Abt. 1912, Oklahoma.
Census: Apr 11, 1930, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma[556]

iv. JOE BOAZ, b. 1917, Oklahoma.
Census: Apr 11, 1930, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma[556]

41. LOUISA ELIZABETH[5] COPLAND *(DELPHIA CAROLINE[4] EVERS, JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Nov 20, 1860 in Massac County, Illinois, and died Jun 30, 1929 in Charleston, Coles County, Illinois. She married THOMAS WILLIAM STARKS Dec 23, 1875 in Massac County, Illinois, son of JOHN H. STARKS. He was born Nov 20, 1850 in Marshall County, Kentucky, and died Nov 1917.

Notes for LOUISA ELIZABETH COPLAND:
Obituary in "The Republican Herald" Wednesday, July 2, 1929
Mrs. Louisa Elizabeth Starks, age 68, widow of the late Thomas W. Starks, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W.B. Trumbell, Charleston, Illinois, Sunday morning. The body was brought home in Salem district Monday morning. The funeral was held at Hillerman Christian church Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Starks was the daughter of the late Joshua Copeland, a pioneer settler and prominent

citizen of Hillerman precinct. She is survived by the following sons and daughters, namely: Howard, Garfield and Roxie and Mrs. E. Barrett of Massac County.
Burial: Copland Cemetery, Massac County, Illinois

More About THOMAS WILLIAM STARKS:
Burial: Copland Cemetery, Massac County, Illinois
Occupation: 1879, Farmer as listed on Wm. H. Starks' Birth Certificate

Children of LOUISA COPLAND and THOMAS STARKS are:

i. JOHN A.[6] STARKS, b. Dec 01, 1876, Marshall County, Kentucky; d. Aug 18, 1878.
92. ii. WILLIAM HOWARD STARKS, b. Jul 25, 1879, Road District # 5, Massac County, Illinois; d. Mar 20, 1963, Massac County, Illinois.
93. iii. HERBERT GARFIELD STARKS, b. Jul 21, 1883, Massac County, Illinois; d. Dec 22, 1963.
94. iv. ROXY SHORT STARKS, b. Dec 31, 1883, Massac County, Illinois.
95. v. DEPHIA PEARL STARKS, b. Jul 11, 1886, Rd District #5, Rt. 1, Grand Chain, Massac County, Illinois; d. May 20, 1953, Charleston, Coles County, Illinois.
96. vi. ALMA MARIAH STARKS, b. Mar 02, 1889, Rd District #4, Massac County, Illinois; d. Mar 03, 1979, Massac Memorial Hospital, Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois.
vii. SOLLIE STARKS, b. Jul 15, 1893, Massac County, Illinois; d. Dec 13, 1894.
97. viii. LILLIAN RUTH STARKS, b. Oct 24, 1895, Massac County, Illinois; d. Aug 30, 1976.
ix. ISHMAL FRED STARKS, b. Jul 12, 1898, Massac County, Illinois; d. Sep 07, 1899.
x. EDNA STARKS, b. Jul 26, 1900, Massac County, Illinois; d. Dec 21, 1900.
98. xi. SUSIE STARKS, b. Jan 08, 1902, Massac County, Illinois; d. Jun 16, 1987, Coldwater, Branch County, Michigan.

42. ELLA JOSEPHINE[5] COPLAND *(DELPHIA CAROLINE[4] EVERS, JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Aug 23, 1863 in Massac County, Illinois, and died Jan 20, 1943 in Massac County, Illinois. She married WILLIAM GREEN DOUGLAS Oct 24, 1886 in Massac County, Illinois. He was born Jan 1857 in Massac County, Illinois, and died Jan 20, 1909.

More About WILLIAM GREEN DOUGLAS:
Census: Jun 07, 1900, Hillerman, Massac County, Illinois
Occupation: Jun 07, 1900, Farmer on his farm[557]

Children of ELLA COPLAND and WILLIAM DOUGLAS are:

99. i. EVA LEOTA[6] DOUGLAS, b. May 1887, Massac County, Illinois.
100. ii. AUBREY DOUGLAS, b. Nov 19, 1889, Rd. District # , Hillerman Precinct, Massac County, Illinois.
101. iii. CHARLES H. DOUGLAS, b. Dec 1891, Massac County, Illinois.
iv. CLAUDE C. DOUGLAS, b. Oct 1894, Massac County, Illinois.
v. WILLIAM ARTHUR DOUGLAS, b. Jul 07, 1895, Massac County, Illinois[558].
vi. INFANT DOUGLAS, b. Sep 05, 1904, Hillerman, Massac County, Illinois[558]; d. Aug 07, 1905.
vii. JOHN FREDERICK DOUGLAS, b. Jul 31, 1906, Massac County, Illinois[558].

43. MARGARET LEOTA[5] COPLAND *(DELPHIA CAROLINE[4] EVERS, JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[559] was born Feb 03, 1867 in Massac County, Illinois, and died Nov 23, 1935 in Tulare County, California. She married WILLIAM WESLEY CLARK[559] May 13, 1888 in Jonesboro, Union County, Illinois. He was born Nov 18, 1853 in Brookport, Massac County, Illinois, and died Nov 03, 1933 in Fresno, California.

Notes for WILLIAM WESLEY CLARK:
Funeral Notice - The Fresno Bee, Sunday, November 5, 1933, p.4B
In Fresno, November 4th, 1933, William W. Clark, husband of Maggie L. Clark, father of Charles H. Clark, both of Fresno. Mrs. Ida Landon, Hanford and Mrs. Delphia Platzek of Oroville. A native of Illinois aged 79 years. Friends are invited to attend services Monday afternoon at 1:00 o'clock in the funeral chapel of Stephens & Bean. Rev. H. C. Chamberlin will officiate. Internment in Belmont Memorial Park.

Children of MARGARET COPLAND and WILLIAM CLARK are:

102. i. IDA LENORE[6] CLARK, b. Sep 30, 1889, California; d. Dec 18, 1990, Martinez, Contra Costa County, California.
ii. CHARLES H. CLARK, b. Jan 09, 1892, Grand Chain, Illinois; m. MARY W CLARK[560]; b. 1899, California[560]. In the 1930 Census, they had one son (Melburn Lee Clark) age nine.

Notes for CHARLES H. CLARK:

Charles was described as tall, medium build, light gray eyes and dark hair coloring and single at this time.
Census 1: 1920, Selma, Fresno County, California[560]
Census 2: 1930, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California
Occupation 1: 1920, Electrician for Power Company
Occupation 2: 1930, Lineman for Southern California Edison Company
WW I Draft Registration: Jun 05, 1917, Woodlake, Tulare County, California

More About MARY W CLARK:
Census: 1920, Selma, Fresno, California[560]

103. iii. DELPHIA LAVINIA CLARK, b. May 01, 1900, Tuolumne County, California; d. Jul 03, 1993, Butte, California.

44. CHARLES MCPHERSON[5] COPLAND *(DELPHIA CAROLINE[4] EVERS, JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Sep 18, 1869 in Massac County, Illinois, and died Sep 28, 1951 in Riverside Hospital, Paducah, McCracken County, Kentucky[561,562]. He married ELLA ELIZABETH MANGUM Oct 08, 1893 in Massac County, Illinois[563]. She was born Abt. 1870 in Massac County, Illinois.

Notes for CHARLES MCPHERSON COPLAND:
The informant on Charles' death certificate was Carl Copeland.
Death Obit in Paducah Sun Democrat, Paducah, Kentucky on September 30, 1951 page 9
Charles M. Copland, 82, Dies at Joppa
Charles M. Copland, 82, resident of Joppa, died Friday at 11:15 p.m. at Riverside Hospital in Paducah. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ella Copland; a son, Carl Copland, Olney, Illinois, and two daughters, Mrs. John Hottell, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Mrs. Iva Smith, Brookport, Illinois. Funeral services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. at Joppa Methodist church, with the Rev. E.H. Hard, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Sanders, officiating. Burial will be in Lower Salem cemetery. Friends may call at Aikens Funeral Home, Metropolis, Illinois until 10 a.m. Sunday, when it will be taken to the residence in Joppa.
Burial: Oct 01, 1951, Lower Salem Methodist Cemetery, Massac County, Illinois
Cause of Death: Acute Myelogenous Leukemia[564]
Funeral: Oct 01, 1951, Own Residence, Joppa, Massac County, Illinois

Medical Information: Informant Carl Copeland, son.
Occupation: 1951, Carpenter for 30 years[564]

Children of CHARLES COPLAND and ELLA MANGUM are:

i. ORIEN R.[6] COPLAND, b. Feb 04, 1896; d. Mar 23, 1896.
Burial: Mar 1896, Lower Salem Methodist Church Cemetery, Massac County, Illinois[565]

ii. GLADYS MANGUM COPLAND, b. Aug 29, 1898, Hillerman, Massac County, Illinois; d. Jun 1984, Florida[566]; m. JOHN ALEXANDER HOTTELL[567], May 16, 1917, Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois; b. Mar 04, 1886, Harrison, Indiana[567]; d. Jan 18, 1960, Jefferson County, Kentucky[568].

Notes for GLADYS MANGUM COPLAND:
Delayed Record of Birth filed 2-17-1960 with the following documents/affidavits:
1. Family Bible Record in the custody of Gladys Copland Hottell, residing in Louisville, Kentucky
2. Record of Marriage May 16th, 1917 in Metropolis, Illinois.
3. Affidavit from Uncle William Robert Mangum, residing in Bridgeport, Illinois
SSN issued: Pennsylvania

More About JOHN ALEXANDER HOTTELL:
Census: Apr 10, 1930, Clariton City, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania[569]
Occupation: Bet. 1920 - 1930, Captain on River Transportation[569]
Residence: Allegheny, Pennsylvania[570]

iii. NELLIE COPLAND, b. Aug 09, 1905; d. Aug 09, 1905.
Burial: Aug 1905, Lower Salem Methodist Church Cemetery, Massac County, Illinois[571]

iv. CARL C COPLAND, b. Abt. 1903, Illinois.
Census 1: 1920, Hillerman, Massac County, Illinois[572]
Census 2: 1930, Massac County, Illinois[573]

v. IVA ALBERTA COPLAND, b. Jul 15, 1907, Illinois; d. Jan 20, 1961; m. BRUCE SMITH; b. Nov 06, 1909.

Notes for IVA ALBERTA COPLAND:
Iva was the 5th child born to Ella Mangum Copland, but the 3rd child alive at the time of her birth. Charles signed an affidavit November 24, 1944 for Iva's birth certificate. Charles was living in Joppa at this time.
Census 1: 1920, Massac County, Illinois
Census 2: 1930, Massac County, Illinois
Burial: Jan 1961, Massac Memorial Gardens, Massac County

45. CYNTHIA ALICE[5] COPLAND *(DELPHIA CAROLINE[4] EVERS, JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Jan 09, 1872 in Massac County, Illinois, and died Jul 05, 1960 in Massac County, Illinois. She married JAMES MILTON BARNETT Jan 01, 1893 in Massac County, Illinois. He was born Jan 31, 1870 in Goreville, Johnson County, Illinois, and died May 21, 1952.

More About JAMES MILTON BARNETT:
Census: Jan 06, 1920, Hillerman, Massac County, Illinois
Occupation 1: Farmer as listed on child's birth certificate
Occupation 2: Jan 06, 1920, Farmer on his farm[574]

Children of CYNTHIA COPLAND and JAMES BARNETT are:

i. MILTON DWIGHT[6] BARNETT, b. Dec 20, 1893, Rd. District #4 (Boaz), Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois; d. Feb 03, 1972.
Census: Jun 07, 1900, Hillerman, Massac County, Illinois[575]

ii. INFANT SON BARNETT, b. Apr 18, 1897, Massac County, Illinois; d. Apr 18, 1897.

iii. JAMES LESLIE BARNETT, b. Jan 20, 1899, Massac County, Illinois[575]; d. Jan 28, 1972.
Census 1: Jun 07, 1900, Hillerman, Massac County, Illinois
Census 2: Jan 06, 1920, Hillerman, Massac County, Illinois[576]

iv. NELLIE BARNETT, b. May 30, 1904, Ark, Massac County, Illinois; d. Jul 30, 1953.
Census: Jan 06, 1920, Hillerman, Massac County, Illinois[576]

v. ROSA CAROLINE BARNETT, b. Feb 27, 1913, Massac County, Illinois; d. Jun 17, 1970.
Census: Jan 06, 1920, Hillerman, Massac County, Illinois[576]

46. JAMES PRYOR[5] EVERS *(WILLIAM HENRY WARREN[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Nov 27, 1862 in Graves County, Kentucky, and died Feb 07, 1946 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He married LAURA CAROLINA REED Jan 13, 1884 in Pulaski County, Illinois[577], daughter of PLEASANT GREEN REED. She was born May 09, 1864 in Graves County, Kentucky, and died Mar 25, 1892 in Mayfield, Graves County, Kentucky.

Notes for JAMES PRYOR EVERS:
Mr. J.P.Evers
The present city attorney, Mr. J.P. Evers, is one of our foremost young lawyers. He was born November 27, 1862 and reared on a farm. Advantages, such as were afforded in the county schools, served as a basis for his education superstructure. He taught school in Graves County in 1878. He then applied himself to the study of law and was admitted to the bar at Mayfield in 1887. In 1886 he formed a partnership with Hon. H.J. Moorman which continued some few years. He was elected in April, 1893, to the office of city attorney of Mayfield for the short term caused by the change of the Constitution of Kentucky and was re-elected to the same office in November, 1893, for a term of four years, in which capacity he now officiates. Mr. Evers is a Christian gentleman and his religious faith is founded on the Methodist doctrine. He is the President of the Mayfield Epworth League.
As a city official he is earnest and energetic in his work and has made the city an efficient and trusty officer and under his charge the law has been meted out justly to criminals and the interests of the city carefully watched.

Death Obit - Tulsa, Oklahoma February 8, 1946
James Evers Rites to Be in Kentucky- Former County Attorney, 83, Died Here Thursday Following Heart Attack
Burial services for James P. Evers, 83, of 1919 South Wheeling Avenue, former county attorney, who died Thursday following a heart attack, will be conducted Sunday afternoon at Mayfield, Kentucky. Mowbray-Manning funeral home is in local charge. Funeral services were conducted here Friday by Dr. C.W. Kerr, pastor emeritus, First Presbyterian church, in the funeral chapel. Evers came here from Mayfield 45 years ago. He was active in bar circles, here for years serving first as assistant and then as county attorney. He was a 32nd degree Mason and member of the Methodist church. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Vera Burradell, of the home; a son Dr. W.P. Evers of Wauseon, Ohio; two granddaughters, Mrs. Roger deJarnette of the home, and Mrs. Earl Beard, Jr., 2296 East 19th Street.
Burial: Feb 1946, Maplewood Cemetery, Graves County, Kentucky[578]
Census 1: 1910, Mayfield, Graves County, Kentucky
Census 2: Feb 06, 1920, Tulsa, Tulsa County, Oklahoma
Deed: Oct 16, 1888, Bullock Addition, Mayfield, Graves County, Kentucky[579]

Occupation: Bet. 1914 - 1915, District County Attorney, Tulsa, Oklahoma

Notes for LAURA CAROLINA REED:
DOB was calculated from age at death. 27 years, 10 months & 16 days
Burial: Mar 1892, Maplewood Cemetery, Graves County, Kentucky[580]
Cause of Death: Consumption

Marriage Notes for JAMES EVERS and LAURA REED:
James and Laura were married by his uncle, James Albert LaFayette Evers in Pulaski County, Illinois
Marriage 1: Jan 13, 1884, Pulaski County, Illinois
Marriage 2: Jan 12, 1884, Mayfield, Graves County, Kentucky as listed in the LDS

Children of JAMES EVERS and LAURA REED are:

104. i. VERNA VALORA[6] EVERS, b. Oct 31, 1884, Graves County, Kentucky; d. Jul 17, 1975, Tulsa, Tulsa County, Oklahoma.

105. ii. WILLIAM PLEASANT VALENTINE EVERS, b. Jul 03, 1886, Mayfield, Graves County, Kentucky; d. Feb 10, 1961, Wauseon, Fulton County, Ohio.

iii. JAMES ALBERT EVERS, b. May 21, 1888, Graves County, Kentucky; d. Jun 05, 1888, Graves County, Kentucky.
Burial: Bolton Cemetery, Graves County, Kentucky[581]

iv. MATTIE VERIA/VIVA EVERS, b. Jul 27, 1890, Graves County, Kentucky; d. Jan 18, 1891, Graves County, Kentucky.
As per Laura Schultes, Mattie was referred to as Viva by her father.

47. SUSIE WILLIAM JOHNSON[5] EVERS *(WILLIAM HENRY WARREN[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Nov 22, 1864 in Kentucky, and died Feb 23, 1936 in Graves County, Kentucky[582]. She married GEORGE KENDRICK FEEZOR Jan 31, 1884 in V. C. Hill's Residence, Marshall County, Kentucky[583], son of NATHAN FEEZOR and MARTHA WALLACE. He was born Oct 09, 1857 in Graves County, Kentucky[584], and died Jan 29, 1915 in Graves County, Kentucky[585].

More About SUSIE WILLIAM JOHNSON EVERS:
Burial: Feb 24, 1936, Bolton Cemetery, Graves County, Kentucky[586,587,588]

Cause of Death: Pneumonia since Feb 20th, due to Broken Hip Feb 6th.
Census 1: Jun 25, 1900, Graves County, Kentucky[589]
Census 2: Jan 12, 1920, Housman, Graves County, Kentucky[590]
Census 3: Apr 09, 1930, Living with her daughter & family (Margaret/Raymond Boaz), Graves County, Kentucky[591]
Medical Information: Informant J Feezor, Herrin, Illinois
Occupation: Jan 12, 1920, Manager of Own farm[592]

Notes for GEORGE KENDRICK FEEZOR:
Conflict in DOB, as Death Certificate list it as October 9, 1857.
Burial: Jan 31, 1915, Bolton Cemetery, Graves County, Kentucky[593,594,595]
Cause of Death: Pneumonia for 26 days[595]
Census: Jun 25, 1900, Graves County, Kentucky[596]
Medical Information: Informant was Edward Boaz, who was his physician.
Nickname: Kinnie
Occupation: 1857, Farmer[597]

Marriage Notes for SUSIE EVERS and GEORGE FEEZOR:
The couple was married by Eld T.F. Harrison at V.C. Hill's in Marshall County, Kentucky. Witnesses were G.H. Harrison, N.J. Feezor and Joel Barnes. Bride has the consent of her guardian, J.M. Hathcock in Symsonia, Kentucky. Book #3 M/D V.C. was Susie's stepfather.

Children of SUSIE EVERS and GEORGE FEEZOR are:

i. GREENVILLE[6] FEEZOR[598], b. Feb 24, 1885, Kentucky; d. May 03, 1891.
Burial: Bolton Cemetery, Graves County, Kentucky

ii. WILLIAM N. FEEZOR, b. Apr 17, 1887, Kentucky; d. Dec 29, 1888.
Burial: Bolton Cemetery, Graves County, Kentucky[599]

106. iii. GROVER OSWELL FEEZOR, b. Feb 14, 1889, Graves County, Kentucky; d. Jan 17, 1975, McCracken County, Kentucky.

107. iv. JAMES THOMAS FEEZOR, b. Sep 22, 1894, Kentucky; d. Nov 22, 1976.

108. v. ANNIE MAE FEEZOR, b. Aug 29, 1896, Kentucky; d. Aug 24, 1974.

vi. EVELINA FEEZOR[600,601], b. Aug 1898, Kentucky.
Census 1: 1910, Magisterial District 8, Graves, Kentucky[601]
Census 2: Jan 12, 1920, Hausmann, Graves County, Kentucky[602]

109. vii. GRACIE FEEZOR, b. May 12, 1900, Kentucky; d. Jul 26, 1985, Paducah, McCracken County, Kentucky.

110. viii. MARGUERETTE FEEZOR, b. 1902, Graves County, Kentucky.

48. JAMES A.[5] GREEN *(LOUISA HELLEN[4] EVERS, JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[603] was born Feb 1860 in Kentucky. He married MARTHA STOVAL.

More About JAMES A. GREEN:
Census 1: Jul 22, 1860, Graves County, Kentucky[604]
Census 2: Sep 22, 1870, Graves County, Kentucky
Census 3: Jun 11, 1900, Listed as a widow in Graves County, Kentucky[605]

Children of JAMES GREEN and MARTHA STOVAL are:

i. JOSEPH W.[6] GREEN, b. Aug 1885, Kentucky.
Census: 1900, Magisterial District 8, Graves County, Kentucky[606]

ii. WILLIAM O. GREEN, b. Aug 1887, Kentucky.
Census: 1900, Magisterial District 8, Graves County, Kentucky[606]

iii. CHARLEY GREEN, b. Sep 1889, Kentucky.
Census: 1900, Magisterial District 8, Graves County, Kentucky[606]

iv. ELVIN GREEN, b. Jun 1891, Kentucky.
Census: 1900, Magisterial District 8, Graves County, Kentucky[606]

49. FRANCIS MARION[5] GREEN *(LOUISA HELLEN[4] EVERS, JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born 1861 in Kentucky, and died 1909. He married GEORGIA ANN PITTMAN, daughter of GEORGE PITTMAN and MARTHA COLLIER. She was born Nov 01, 1863 in Ballard County, Kentucky, and died Dec 19, 1942 in Mayfield, Graves County, Kentucky.

More About FRANCIS MARION GREEN:
Census: Sep 22, 1870, Graves County, Kentucky

More About GEORGIA ANN PITTMAN:
Burial: Dec 20, 1942, Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Kentucky

Children of FRANCIS GREEN and GEORGIA PITTMAN are:

i. ALPHUS WALTER[6] GREEN, b. Jun 25, 1891; d. Dec 05, 1969; m. (1) NORA GREEN; m. (2) LINDA O. FATHERING.

111. ii. BIRDIE ANN GREEN, b. Jul 21, 1889; d. May 02, 1976, Kentucky.

112. iii. RESSIE MARION GREEN, b. Oct 08, 1895, Graves County, Kentucky; d. Jan 23, 1933, Graves County, Kentucky.

iv. NELLIE GREEN, b. Aug 02, 1873; d. Aug 02, 1873.
v. DELLIE GREEN, b. Jan 10, 1888; d. Jan 10, 1888.

50. WILLIAM BROWNLOW[5] GREEN *(LOUISA HELLEN[4] EVERS, JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Sep 20, 1863 in Kentucky, and died Feb 28, 1936 in Graves County, Kentucky[607]. He married NANNIE BELL KIDD. She was born 1870, and died 1959.

More About WILLIAM BROWNLOW GREEN:
Burial: Feb 29, 1936, Green's Chapel Cemetery, Graves County, Kentucky[607]
Cause of Death: Lobar Pneumonia since January 13, 1936[607]
Census: Sep 22, 1870, Graves County, Kentucky
Medical Information: Informant was Roy Green.

Children of WILLIAM GREEN and NANNIE KIDD are:
i. ROY[6] GREEN.
ii. EARL GREEN.
iii. HERMAN GREEN.
iv. TED GREEN.
v. GURVIS GREEN.
vi. NELL GREEN.
vii. RUBLE GREEN.
viii. ELBERT GREEN.
ix. JEWELL GREEN.
x. LOUISE GREEN.
xi. GRACE GREEN.

51. MARTHA[5] GREEN *(LOUISA HELLEN[4] EVERS, JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Feb 10, 1869 in Kentucky, and died Jul 01, 1894. She married WILLIAM WHITE GOUGH. He was born Jan 31, 1858, and died Jan 03, 1926.

More About MARTHA GREEN:
Census: Sep 22, 1870, Graves County, Kentucky

Children of MARTHA GREEN and WILLIAM GOUGH are:

i. GEORGE[6] GOUGH, b. 1874.
ii. QUINNIE GOUGH.

52. QUINNIE[5] GREEN *(LOUISA HELLEN[4] EVERS, JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Jun 10, 1876 in Graves County, Kentucky, and died Nov 29, 1952 in Olmstead, Pulaski County, Illinois. She married WILLIAM HENRY "PARHAM" PITTMAN 1891, son of GEORGE PITTMAN and MARTHA COLLIER. He was born Jul 19, 1856, and died Jul 17, 1930 in Olmstead, Pulaski County, Illinois[608].

More About QUINNIE GREEN:
Burial: Dec 1952, New Hope Cemetery, McCracken County, Kentucky
Census 1: 1880, Housemans, Graves County, Kentucky[609]
Census 2: 1900, Arlington, Carlisle County, Kentucky[610]
Census 3: 1910, Esculapia, Benton County, Arkansas[611]

More About WILLIAM HENRY "PARHAM" PITTMAN:
Date born 2: 1859, Kentucky[612]
Date born 3: 1862, Kentucky[613]
Burial: Jul 1930, New Hope Cemetery, McCracken County, Kentucky
Census 1: 1900, Arlington, Carlisle County, Kentucky[614]
Census 2: 1910, Esculapia, Benton County, Arkansas[615]

Children of QUINNIE GREEN and WILLIAM PITTMAN are:
i. FRANK[6] PITTMAN.
ii. INFANT PITTMAN.
iii. ROBERT PITTMAN.
iv. ROBIN PITTMAN.
v. GORDON B PITTMAN[616,617], b. 1898, Kentucky[618,619]; d. Jan 27, 1977, McCracken, Kentucky[620].
Census 1: 1900, Arlington, Carlisle County, Kentucky[621]
Census 2: 1910, Esculapia, Benton County, Arkansas[622]
vi. PAUL PITTMAN[622], b. 1902, Kentucky[622].
Census: 1910, Esculapia, Benton County, Arkansas[622]
vii. NOBLE PITTMAN[622], b. 1906, Kentucky[622].
Census: 1910, Esculapia, Benton County, Arkansas[622]
viii. JEWELL PITTMAN[622], b. 1908, Kentucky[622].

Census: 1910, Esculapia, Benton County, Arkansas[622]

53. QUITMON C.[5] COVINGTON *(ZARELDA ISABELIA[4] EVERS, JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Mar 15, 1880 in McCracken County, Kentucky, and died Apr 03, 1947 in Paducah, McCracken County, Kentucky. He married GRACE OVERBY Abt. 1914. She was born May 03, 1886 in Kentucky, and died Nov 05, 1990 in Kentucky[623].

More About QUITMON C. COVINGTON:
Burial: Apr 05, 1947, Oak Grove Cemetery,[624]
Cause of Death: Angina Pectoris for 1 hr, Chronic Nephritis 10 years[624]
Census 1: Apr 23, 1930, Kentucky, McCracken County, Woodville, District 22[625]
Census 2: Jan 10, 1920, Paducah, McCracken County, Kentucky[626]
Medical Information: Informant was Thomas Covington.
Occupation 1: 1920, Farmer on his farm[626]
Occupation 2: 1930, Grocery Clerk[627]

More About GRACE OVERBY:
Census: Apr 24, 1930, Woodville, McCracken County, Kentucky[627]

Children of QUITMON COVINGTON and GRACE OVERBY are:

i. THOMAS W.[6] COVINGTON, b. Mar 15, 1917, Kentucky[628]; d. Jul 02, 1999, Tucson, Pima County, Arizona[628]; m. MURIEL LONG; b. Jul 11, 1915, Grahamville, Kentucky; d. Aug 14, 2006, Forrest City, Arkansas.

More About THOMAS W. COVINGTON:
Census 1: Jan 10, 1920, Paducah, McCracken County, Kentucky[629]
Census 2: Apr 23, 1930, Woodville, McCracken County, Kentucky[630]

Notes for MURIEL LONG:
Death Obit - The Paducah Sun Thursday, August 24, 2006
Muriel Long Covington, 91, of Paducah died Friday, August 18, 2006 in Forrest City, Arkansas. She was born July 11, 1915, in Grahamville, Ky., to the late Clarence Long and Maggie Smithers Long.
Mrs. Covington was retired from Hughes Aircraft in Tucson, Ariz., and had previously been employed at M. Fine & Sons in Paducah.
She was a 1933 graduate of Heath High School, a member of the Clara Henrich Chapter OES No. 424 for over 50 years, and a member of Immanuel Baptist Church.

She is survived by one niece, Jennye Curtis of Forrest City; one great-niece, Cathy White of Owensboro, Ky.; one great-nephew, Michael Curtis of Edmond, Okla.; a great-great-great niece and nephew, Kennedy and Corbin Curtis of Edmond; and a sister-in-law, Rella Morgan of Paducah.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Thomas W. Covington, and one brother, Grover Long.

Graveside services for Mrs. Covington will be held on Saturday, Aug. 26, 2006, at 11 a.m. at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Jamie Broome officiating.

ii. ZERELA E COVINGTON[631], b. Dec 29, 1915, McCracken, Kentucky[631]; m. (1) J. C. BOYD, Bef. 1942; m. (2) W. ERVIN MORGAN[632], Feb 21, 1976, Madison[632]; b. 1905[632].

More About ZERELA E COVINGTON:
Name 2: Rella C Boyd[632]
Census 1: Jan 10, 1920, Paducah, McCracken County, Kentucky[633]
Census 2: Apr 23, 1930, Woodville, McCracken County, Kentucky

Marriage Notes for ZERELA COVINGTON and J. BOYD:
Zarelda was listed as Mrs. J. C. Boyd as an informant on her aunt Minnie's Death Certificate. When Rella was marrying W. E. Morgan in 1976, she was listed as never being married.

54. ALBERT WARREN[5] EVERS *(JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[634] was born Dec 07, 1869 in Massac County, Illinois, and died Jan 11, 1934 in Lansing, Michigan[635]. He married TRESSA MYRTLE HITCHCOCK Nov 26, 1896 in Bride's Residence, Massac County, Illinois[636], daughter of FRANCIS HITCHCOCK and SARAH COPLAND. She was born Nov 27, 1877 in Massac County, Illinois[637,638], and died Feb 06, 1914.

Notes for ALBERT WARREN EVERS:
Albert was listed as a widower and farmer on the 1930 Census and listed with daughter, Eunice at the age of 17 yrs.

Death Obit, The State Journal, Lansing, Michigan, Thursday, January 11, 1934, pg.2
Albert Evers, 64, of Metropolis, Illinois, died Thursday in Kalamazoo. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. John Meyer of Lansing, two brothers and two sisters, all of Metropolis, and five grandchildren. He was a member of the

Modern Woodmen of American and the Metropolis M.E. Church. The body was brought to the Estes-Leadley Funeral Home awaiting removal to Metropolis for burial.
Burial: Jan 14, 1934, Lower Salem Cemetery, Massac County, Illinois
Cause of Death: Apoplexy/Cerebral aeteriosclerosis
Census: 1920, Hillerman, Massac County, Illinois

More About TRESSA MYRTLE HITCHCOCK:
Burial: Feb 1914, Lower Salem Methodist Cemetery, Massac County, Illinois

Marriage Notes for ALBERT EVERS and TRESSA HITCHCOCK:
This is the first marriage for the couple. They were married by J.M. Allfrey, J.P. at the bride's residence and the witnesses were Cynthia Evers and Mrs. Lippert. Albert was a farmer at the time of the marriage.
Divorce: Bef. 1910

Children of ALBERT EVERS and TRESSA HITCHCOCK are:

i. INFANT SON[6] EVERS, b. Jul 02, 1898, Massac County, Illinois; d. Jul 02, 1898, Massac County, Illinois.
Burial: Jul 1898, Lower Salem Methodist Cemetery, Massac County, Illinois[639]

113. ii. EUNICE MILDRED EVERS, b. Abt. 1902, Gays, Illinois.

55. CYNTHIA CAROLINE[5] EVERS *(JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[640] was born Sep 11, 1875 in Massac County, Illinois, and died Apr 30, 1953 in Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois. She married AUGUSTUS HENRY LIPPERT Jan 19, 1898 in Hillerman, Illinois[641], son of HENRY LIPPERT and HANNER WINNING. He was born Dec 16, 1871 in Massac County, Illinois, and died Nov 02, 1955 in Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois.

Notes for CYNTHIA CAROLINE EVERS:
Death Obit
Late rites were held for Mrs. Cynthia Caroline Lippert, 77, at 2:00p.m. Sunday May 3rd at Lower Anderson Church, preceded by services at 1:00 p.m. at the residence, with Rev. Carl Davis officiating. Burial was made in the church

cemetery with Baynes Funeral Home in charge. Mrs. Lippert died at 8:30 p.m. Thursday April 30th, at her home 113 East 21st Street after a lingering illness. She is survived by her husband, August and a son Claude L. both of Metropolis, a daughter, Mrs. Agnes Cochuba of Detroit; a brother, Hubert Evers of Harvey, Illinois, a sister, Hattie Ferguson of Anna; eight grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. The following obituary was read at the services: Cynthia Caroline Lippert (nee Evers), was born to James A.L. and Ann Eliza Evers, September 11, 1875, in Massac County, Illinois, where she grew to womanhood. She was converted to her youth and united with the Lower Salem Methodist Church were she was a faithful member until she answered the call to join the Church Triumphant.

She was always interested in the work of the Kingdom and worked with every church in the community where she lived, as long as her health would permit. The last service she was able to attend was here at Anderson Church.

She was a leader in community affairs and taught school for several years. She was united in Holy Matrimony to August Henry Lippert, January 19, 1898, who survives her passing, to this union three children were born; Holly Marcus, who preceded her in death at the age of 30 years; Claudius Luther, of Metropolis; and Agnes Esther Cochuba of Detroit, Michigan; ten grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren. Also surviving are a sister Hattie Ferguson of Anna, Illinois, a brother, Hubert Evers of Harvey, Ill., and a host of nephews, nieces, other relatives and friends.

For the past four or five years, Mrs. Lippert has been unable to continue her active life and for the past seventeen months, she has been confined to her bed. She has borne her suffering with patience, and has been an inspiration to the many friends who have called. On Thursday evening, April 30th, she answered the call of death and slipped away to be with her Lord.

Burial: May 1953, Boaz/Anderson Cemetery, Boaz, Massac County, Illinois
Occupation: School Teacher at Grand Chain Elementary School[642]

Notes for AUGUSTUS HENRY LIPPERT:
Death Obit
August Henry Lippert, son of Henry & Wilhelmina Lippert, was born December 16, 1871 and died November 2, 1955 at the age of 83 years, 10 months and 17 days.

On January 19, 1898 he was united in marriage to Cynthia Caroline Evers and to this union three children were born.
He was preceded in death by his wife April 30, 1953 and a son Hailey Jo, July 16, 1930. He leaves a son, Claude, and a daughter, Anges, and one brother, Samuel Lippert, eight-grandchildren, fourteen great grandchildren and many living nieces and nephews.
He spent most of his life in the Lower Salem and Anderson Community. When a young man he joined the Lower Salem Methodist Church.
Burial: Nov 05, 1955, Boaz/Anderson Cemetery, Boaz, Massac County, Illinois
Cause of Death: Cerebra Thrombosis 3 days; General Arteriosclerosis 20 years
Medical Information: Death Certificate; Informant was Claude Lippert, son.
Occupation: Farmer as listed on Death Certificate

Marriage Notes for CYNTHIA EVERS and AUGUSTUS LIPPERT:
This was the first marriage for the couple, their witnesses were W.A. Griffin & Sarah Griffin. August resided in Boaz, Illinois and Cynthia in Massac County, Illinois. August was a farmer at the time of the marriage.

Children of CYNTHIA EVERS and AUGUSTUS LIPPERT are:

114. i. HOLLY MARCUS[6] LIPPERT, b. Oct 30, 1899, Illinois; d. Jul 16, 1930, Pulaski County, Illinois.

115. ii. CLAUDE LUTHER LIPPERT, b. Jun 18, 1901, Illinois; d. Nov 14, 1974.

iii. AGNES ESTHER LIPPERT, b. Aug 11, 1904, Illinois; d. Aug 27, 1980, Dearborn, Wayne County, Michigan; m. CONSTANTIN COCHUBA[643]; b. Nov 21, 1890[643,644]; d. Sep 25, 1978, Allen Park City, Wayne, Michigan[644].
Census 1: 1910, Logan, Massac, Illinois[645]
Census 2: 1930, Detroit, Wayne, Michigan[646]
Occupation: Nurse[647]
SSN issued: Michigan[648]

More About CONSTANTIN COCHUBA:
Name 2: Stanley Cochuba
SSN issued: Michigan[648]

56. JAMES OLIVER[5] EVERS *(JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Feb 23, 1878 in Grand Chain, Pulaski County, Illinois, and died Oct 27, 1926 in St. Mary's Hospital, Centralia, Marion

County, Illinois[649]. He married LUCY MILLER Sep 24, 1899 in Pulaski County, Illinois[650], daughter of LONNIE MILLER and ELIZABETH BAYLESS. She was born Apr 05, 1881 in Yates Landing, Pulaski County, Illinois, and died May 13, 1964 in Centralia, Illinois.

Notes for JAMES OLIVER EVERS:
On his death certificate, James Oliver had resided 3 years, 6 months at 610 South Walnut St. Centralia

Death Obit in "The Republican Herald" Wednesday, November 3, 1926
James Oliver Evers, the fourth son of James A.L. Evers and Anna Eliza McGee Evers, was born in Logan precinct in Massac County, Illinois on the twenty-third day of February 1878. On the 24th day of September, 1899 he was united in marriage to Lucy Miller of Pulaski County, Illinois a daughter of L.V. Miller and Betty Bayless Miller, with whom he lived happily until the day of his death. To this union were born five sons and four daughters, all of whom are living except Johnnie who was accidently killed at the age of ten years by falling 'neath the wheel of a heavily loaded wagon. The living children are Mrs. Flossie McIntyre of Grand Chain, Mrs. George Kobler of Cairo; Mrs. Clara Caraker of Centralia; Leo Evers of Grand Chain; and Orpha, Jimmie, Virgil and Russell Evers still at home with their mother, Mrs. Lucy Evers of Centralia, Illinois. "Jimmie," as every one who knew Mr. Evers, familiarly called him, was a useful man in every community in which he lived. If any one was in distress and help was needed, Jimmie went to his relief. If there were those who were sick in the community in which he lived. Jimmie was one who was sure to be found waiting on them. If there were poor who needed help, Jimmie's liberality extended to his last dollar. He was known everywhere as one of the hardest working men in his community. He was intensely patriotic and took care to raise his children to be a blessing to their country. Being an Odd Fellow he practiced the teachings of that order for he took great pleasure in the work of that lodge. The living brothers and sisters are: Albert W and Luther L. of Metropolis and Hubert H. of Harvey, Illinois, and Mrs. Cynthia Lippert and Mrs. Hattie Ferguson of Karnak, Illinois. There are many other relatives and hundreds of friends.
On the 27th of October while working in Centralia he was thrown from a truck, when the driver with whom he was riding turned a sharp corner, the rivets in

the running board giving way threw Mr. Evers violently to the pavement. The force of the fall rendered him unconscious from which he never recovered and he passed out at 11:45 that night. At his death he was 48 years, 8 months and four days old. A neighbor in the prime of his usefulness has been removed from among us by death. Rev. S. A. Morgan, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Ullin, a former pastor of the Evers family under whose pastorate some of the family joined the church, with the assistance of Rev. Herschel Conley of the Christian Church at Grand Chain conducted the funeral. Interment was in the family lot in the Salem Cemetery in Logan Precinct.
Burial: Oct 31, 1926, Lower Salem Methodist Cemetery, Massac County, Illinois[651]
Cause of Death: Fractured skull falling from an automobile truck
Census 1: 1880, Hillerman, Massac, Illinois, United States[652,653]
Census 2: 1910, Pulaski County, Illinois
Census 3: 1920, Karnak, Pulaski County, Illinois[654]
Medical Information: Death Certificate # 2610131, Jimmie Evers of Centralia was the informant
Occupation: Oct 27, 1926, Hod Carrier as listed on Death Certificate

Notes for LUCY MILLER:
Death Obit "Centralia Sentinel" May 13, 1964 Wednesday, page 2
MRS. LUCY M. EVERS DIES EARLY TODAY AFTER LONG ILLNESS
Mrs. Lucy M. Evers, 83, Centralia, died at 3:15 a.m. today at the Centralia Nursing Home after an illness of three years. She was born in Pulaski County, the daughter of L.V. and Elizabeth (Bayless) Miller. She married James O. Evers in Pulaski County and they moved to Centralia in 1923 from Grand Chain. Mr. Evers died in 1926. Mrs. Evers was a member of the Presbyterian Church and the Royal Neighbors. Survivors are three sons, Jimmie J. of Centralia, Virgil D. of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Col. R. Russell of Tucson, Arizona; four daughters, Mrs. J.R. McIntire of Grand Chain, Mrs. Flora Clary of Harvey, Mrs. Clara Caraker of Manteno and Mrs. Hobart Pumphrey of Centralia; two brothers, Lee of Metropolis and Fred Miller of Miami, Florida; 19 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in the Queen-Boggs Chapel. Burial will be in Salem Cemetery at Grand Chain. Friends may call at the funeral home after 6 p.m. Thursday.

Burial: May 15, 1964, Lower Salem Methodist Cemetery, Massac County, Illinois
Census 1: 1920, Karnak, Pulaski County, Illinois[654]
Census 2: 1930, Centralia, Marion County, Illinois[655 656]
SSN issued: Illinois[657]

Marriage Notes for JAMES EVERS and LUCY MILLER:
The couple was married by Thomas J. Prince, Minister and the witnesses were Albert W. Evers and Harvey Douglas

Children of JAMES EVERS and LUCY MILLER are:

116. i. FLOSSIE MAY[6] EVERS, b. Feb 26, 1900, Hillerman, Massac County, Illinois; d. Dec 18, 1992, Grand Chain, Pulaski County, Illinois.
117. ii. FLORA LUCY EVERS, b. Oct 09, 1901, Illinois; d. Aug 17, 1991, Thorton, Illinois.
118. iii. JAMES LEO EVERS, b. May 07, 1903, Grand Chain, Pulaski County, Illinois; d. Feb 15, 1949, Rector, Clay County, Arkansas.
119. iv. CLARA HESTER EVERS, b. Mar 25, 1905, Pulaski County, Illinois; d. 1995, Anna, Union County, Illinois.
v. JOHN A. EVERS, b. Jan 23, 1907, Grand Chain, Pulaski County, Illinois[658]; d. Nov 19, 1917, Karnak, Pulaski County, Illinos[659].
Burial: Nov 1917, Anderson Cemetery, Pulaski County, Illinois
Cause of Death: Dislocated neck
Medical Information: Johnnie fell off wagon and the wheel passed over and dislocated his neck. Death Record Volume IV 1917-1926 Pulaski County, Illinois
120. vi. ORPHA ELIZA EVERS, b. Feb 12, 1909, Grand Chain, Pulaski County, Illinois; d. Feb 12, 2001, Centralia, Illinois.
121. vii. JIMMIE EVERS, b. Nov 14, 1910, Pulaski County, Illinois; d. Sep 24, 1983, Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio.
122. viii. VIRGIL DAVID EVERS, b. Dec 03, 1912, Illinois; d. Oct 22, 1979, Tulsa, Tulsa County, Oklahoma.
123. ix. RAYMOND RUSSELL EVERS, b. Sep 09, 1917, Illinois; d. May 24, 1967, San Antonio, Texas.

57. LUTHER LAFAYETTE[5] EVERS *(JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Jul 15, 1883 in Rd. District #6, Massac County, Illinois, and died Jun 15, 1945 in Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois. He married (1) MARY ETHEL BAYLESS[659] Sep 06, 1905 in Brides home in Pulaski County, Illinois[660], daughter of JAMES BAYLESS and NANCY MILLER. She was born Feb 03, 1884 in Pulaski County, Illinois, and died Aug 14, 1922 in

Massac County, Illinois. He married (2) NELLIE H. TROVILLION Oct 07, 1923 in Goreville, Johnson County, Illinois[660], daughter of JAMES TROVILLION and HARRIETT NIPPER. She was born Feb 20, 1883 in Sanborn, Johnson County, Illinois, and died Jun 13, 1966 in Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois.

Notes for LUTHER LAFAYETTE EVERS:
Certificate of Birth. Luther's name was listed as Lyther LaFayett evers (misspelled) and was filed August 26, 1919 by his father J.A.L. Evers. Luther was listed as the 7th child born to Emma Eliza Mcgee(?) and was the 5th child alive at this time.

Obituary for Luther L. Evers in the Republican Herald along with the Metropolis News.
Funeral services for Luther L. Evers were held Monday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the First Methodist Church. The church service was conducted by the pastor Rev. W.A. Spence. Appropriate music was rendered by the church choir, Mrs. Carrie Grantham at the organ. The altar of the church was banked with beautiful flowers, the tribute of relatives and friends. The Masonic burial service was rendered at the grave, Brother Roy R. Helm, P.M. delivering the funeral oration. Many Master Masons, Royal Arch Masons and Knights Templar joined in paying a last tribute to their departed brother. Burial was in the Masonic Cemetery on North Avenue.
(OBITUARY)
The following obituary was read at the church service by the pastor. [[The following was printed in the Metropolis News Newspaper.]] Luther LaFayette Evers, son of James A.L. and Ann Eliza McGee Evers, was born in Massac County near Hillerman on July 15, 1883 and died at his home in Metropolis June 15, 1945, at the age of 61 years and 11 months. On November 5, 1903 he was united in marriage to Mary Ethel Bayless. To this union were born nine children. His wife and 3 children, Inez Pauline Evers, and an infant son, preceded him in death. On October 7, 1923, he was united in marriage to Nellie T. Trovillion. To this union were born three children. Those left to mourn, passing are his wife, Nellie, and his children, Paul Evers of Cairo, Illinois, Mrs. Frances Shelton, Rolland Evers, Mrs. Stelsa Bryant of Metropolis, Mrs. Vivienne Bundy of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Helen Evers of St. Louis, Missouri, L.T. Evers of the U.S.

Navy, Rev. Joseph and Harriett Evers at home; eight grandchildren, one brother, Hubert Evers of Harvey, Illinois; two sisters, Cynthia Lippert of Grand Chain, Illinois and Hattie Ferguson of Anna, Illinois, and a host of other relatives and friends. At an early age, he was converted and joined the Lower Salem Methodist Church. When he moved to Metropolis he transferred his membership to the First Methodist church of Metropolis, taking an active part until illness prevented his attendance. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge No. 91 Gethsemane Commandery of Knights Templar No. 41. He served a number of years as District Deputy Grand Master of the 98th District of Illinois. He was also a member of the Odd Fellow Lodge. Mr. Evers taught in the rural schools for sixteen years and served as County Superintendent of School nearly twenty-one years. In spite of physical disabilities, he was able with the help of his devoted wife, to fulfill the duties of his office to the end of his term. The last years of his life were spent at his home. Always cheerful and uncomplaining, taking an interest in and enjoying life until the end. Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the First Methodist church, Rev. E.M. Dycus, officiating. Burial was made in the Masonic Cemetery.

TRIBUTE BY A FRIEND

For almost 36 years Mr. Evers served the public schools of Massac County, 16 years as a teacher and 20 years and 7 months as County Superintendent of Schools. He was elected to that office five times. As a teacher he was efficient, earnest and sincere. As County Superintendent of Schools he was faithful to every duty. His office hours, as announced on his office stationary, were "Any time, day or night," "that school matters demand attention." That he was five times chosen to responsible office of Superintendent of Schools is a high tribute and expressed the confidence the people had in his ability and integrity. The affliction that finally caused his death was of many years duration. With grim determination and matchless courage, he carried on long after most men would have surrendered. When he could no longer use his right hand, he learned to write with his left hand. During the last years of his official career, his wife was a wonderful helper. Mrs. Evers won the admiration of all, for her devotion to her husband and the support she gave him in the discharge of his official duties. Probably no man in any capacity, touched and influenced the lives of more young people of Massac County, than did Luther L. Evers. He inspired many to strive

for higher education and the attainment of honorable stations in life. He was a great inspiration to his own children, and today they have a higher regard for his advice and fatherly counsel than ever before. To his church and the fraternal orders to which he belonged he was devoted and loyal, and as long as possible he was constant in attendance. He was an advocate of all the highest and purest moral principles and his life supported his preaching. He was always found on the right side of every social and moral issue. Though dead, his memory will live long in the minds and hearts of all who knew him.

Newspaper article in "The Republican Herald" Wednesday, June 2, 1937
EVERS FAMILY HELD REUNION LAST SUNDAY
The children and grandchildren of James A.L. Evers and their families, gathered at the home of County Superintendent L.L. Evers on Sunday afternoon, May 30th and had an enjoyable time visiting with each other. There were present: Mr. and Mrs. Gus Lippert of Karnak, R. l, and their grandchildren, Loren and Winefred Lippert; Mrs. Lucy Evers and sons, Virgil and Russell of Centralia, Mr. Hubert Evers of Harvey, Illinois, and children Josephine and Charles; Mrs. Hattie Ferguson, of Cypress, and children James, Lyle and Lallah; Mr. and Mrs. John McIntyre of Grand Chain and daughters, Margaret and Mildred; Mrs. Clara Caraker of Jonesboro, Illinois, and daughters, Virginia and Sue; Mrs. Orpha Pumphrey of Centralia; Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Ferguson of Grand Chain; Mr. and Mrs. George Racy of Cypress, and daughters, Barbara Jean and Wanda Lou; Mrs. Cynthia Bostick of Jacksonville, Illinois, and sons, Jesse Jr., and Charles Huffman; Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Shelton and daughter, MaryJim; Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Evers, and daughter Cynthia Sue, George Louis Meyer of Metropolis, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Foss of McNoel; and the immediate family, Luther, Nellie, L.T., Joe, Harriett, and Grandma Travillian (?Trovillion).

THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF LUTHER L. EVERS, KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:
That in addition to all other rights, privileges and benefits conferred upon widows by the Statues of Illinois, it is my will that my beloved wife, Nellie Trovillion Evers shall receive my homestead free of debt at my death, because she has seven hundred dollars ($700.00) of her own money in the property, and for the further

reason that she has cared for me during the latter part of my life as an invalid, and of necessity waiting on me day and night as though I were a baby, doing things for me that no body else in the world would do. It is further my will that my children share and share alike in the other little property that I have on hand at my death. It is further my will that the court do appoint my wife, Nellie T. Evers, as executrix of my will without bond. Luther L. Evers
Signed by Luther L. Evers in our presents and by us in the presents of each other.
Witnesses : Harry Wright & Levi C. Miller
Personally appeared before me this day, Luther L. Evers, Harry Wright and Levi C. Miller and acknowledged their signatures, for the uses and purposes herein set forth, Luther L. Evers as principal or maker of this Will and Harry Wright and Levi C. Miller as witnesses to his signature. Jean W. Smith Notary Public Dated at Metropolis, Illinois, this sixth day of September A.D. 1939 Filed June 25, 1945 E.J. Mittendorf County Clerk.

More About LUTHER LAFAYETTE EVERS:
Baptism: by Reverend Volney Cicero Evers at Old Salem Church
Burial: Jun 18, 1945, Masonic Cemetery, Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois
Cause of Death: Lobar Pneumonia for 5 days with paralysis agitana progressive paralysis for 15 years
Census: Apr 29, 1910, Hillerman, Massac County, Illinois[661]
Hobby: Bet. 1927 - 1928, Masonic Lodge #91
Medical Information: Parkinson Disease
Occupation 1: Massac County School Superintendent
Occupation 2: 1905, Farmer per Marriage License
Occupation 3: Apr 29, 1910, Farmer on his farm

Notes for MARY ETHEL BAYLESS:
Source: Memoirs of Luther L. Evers. Ethel was listed as Mary Ethel.
Death Obit in "The Republican Herald" Tuesday August 15, 1922
MRS. LUTHER L. EVERS - Wife of County Superintendent of Schools Died Monday
A death that came as a severe shock to the people of Massac County, occurred in Metropolis Monday afternoon at 1:20 o'clock. Mary Ethel, wife of Luther L. Evers, County Superintendent of Schools, died at Walbright hospital, after one

of the most desperate fights ever recorded to save a life had been made. Mrs. Evers had not been in the best of health for several months. Sunday night, it developed that only an operation could save her life. Her case was diagnosed as Placenta Praevia. She was taken to Walbright hospital, where Drs. Walbright, Starkes, Fisher, Miller, Trovillion and Orr, performed a Caesarean section and Chitvavenous saline, followed by blood transfusion, her brother who had been sent for make the sacrifice of blood. The operation was one of the most delicate that could be made and would have possibly saved her life but her vitality and strength had ebbed too low. Mrs. Evers was born in Pulaski County, February 5, 1884. She was the daughter of James D. and Nancy H. Bayless. She leaves to mourn her death, her husband, seven small children, two boys and five girls; her father and mother, five brothers, Arnold, Rollie, Ray, Mark and Harley, and four sisters, Mrs. Nora Essex, Mrs. Grace Wood, Oma and Lucy Bayless. Short services will be held at the home, corner Ninth and Ferry streets Thursday morning at 10:30, conducted by Rev. O.E. Connett, assisted by Rev. Allbaugh. The remains will then be taken to her home church, Salem, where funeral services and internment will be held at 2:30 p.m. In the death of Mrs. Evers Metropolis and Massac County loses a most notable woman. She was a good Christian, wife, mother and neighbor. One whose friends were numbered by those who became acquainted with her. She was a member of the M.E. church, Rebekah and Eastern Star lodges. The entire community extend their most sincere sympathy to Mr. Evers and his family in their loss.
Name 2: Mary Ethel Bayless
Date born 2: Feb 05, 1884, Listed on Death Certificate
Burial: Masonic Cemetery, Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois
Cause of Death: Uterine Hemorrhage - Placenta previa
Census: Apr 29, 1910, Hillerman, Massac County, Illinois[661]
Medical Information: Death Certificate #260

Marriage Notes for LUTHER EVERS and MARY BAYLESS:
Marriage Register #2 1903-1933 Pulaski County, Illinois. Lewis Jones was Minister.

Notes for NELLIE H. TROVILLION:
Death Notice in "The Metropolis News" Thursday June 16, 1966 Nellie T. Evers

Funeral Rites to Be Thursday
Mrs. Nellie T. Evers died at Massac County Memorial Hospital, at the age of 83. Funeral services will be held Thursday, 2:00 p.m. at the First Methodist Church, with the Rev. Roy Baugh officiating, with burial in the Masonic Cemetery. Miller Funeral Home was in charge of the funeral arrangements. Born Nellie H. Trovillion in Johnson County, on February 20 1833, she was the daughter of James Carr Trovillion and Harriett Nipper Trovillion. She began teaching school in Sanborn at the age of eighteen, and dedicated the next twenty-two years to the primary schools of Johnson, Williamson and Massac Counties. In 1923 she was married to Luther L. Evers, who preceded her in death, as did one step-daughter, Mrs. Evelyn Meyer, and her two brothers, Ward M. Trovillion of Goreville, and Tom Trovillion of St. Louis. Survivors are her children: Luther T. Evers of Silver Springs, Florida, Rev. Dr. Joseph C. Evers of East St. Louis and Mrs. Jesse O. Weaver (Harriett) of Pedro Juan Caballero, Paraguay; her step-children: Paul Evers, Mrs. Calvin Shelton (Frances), Rolland Evers and Mrs. Joseph B Bryant (Stelsa), all of Metropolis; and Mrs. Hy Deitch(Vivienne) of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Mrs. A. S. DeVita (Helen) of Hialeah, Florida. 27 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; one niece, Mrs. William Steiner of Fairfield, and a nephew, William W. Trovillion of Goreville. Mrs. Evers served as assistant county superintendent of schools without pay for fourteen years during the tenure of Luther L. Evers, and after his death was assistant to county superintendent's L.W.Smith and B.D.Fowler for another eight years, making a total of 44 years spent in school work. She was active in church and club work as long as her health permitted, being a member of Methodist Church, the Eastern Star Rebekah and Royal Neighbor lodges, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Women's Club, the Business and Professional Women's Club, Delta Kappa Gamma educational sorority, and various teachers' organizations.
Burial: Jun 16, 1966, Masonic Cemetery, Metropolis, Illinois
Cause of Death: Cerebral Thrombosis; General Arteriosclerosis-10 years
Census: 1900, Goreville, Johnson County, Illinois
Medical Information: Certificate of Death Informant- Harriett E. Weaver (daughter)
Occupation: School Teacher/ Assistant County School Superintendent

Children of LUTHER EVERS and MARY BAYLESS are:

124. i. EVELYN MARIE[6] EVERS, b. Aug 23, 1906, Massac County, Illinois; d. Nov 21, 1929, Rd. District #6, Massac County, Illinois.

ii. PAULINE INEZ AGNES EVERS, b. Jan 06, 1908, Massac County, Illinois; d. Jul 22, 1908, Massac County, Illinois[662].

Inez was the twin to Paul. The story told was that the doctor was called as Paul was sick; however, Inez died before the doctor arrived.

Burial: Lower Salem Methodist Cemetery, Massac County, Illinois[663]

125. iii. JAMES PAUL EVERS, b. Jan 06, 1908, Massac County, Illinois; d. Nov 26, 2007, Bradenton, Florida.

126. iv. MARY FRANCES EVERS, b. Feb 11, 1909, Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois; d. Apr 23, 1983, Massac Memorial Hospital, Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois.

127. v. ROLLAND EVERS, b. Jun 07, 1911, Massac County, Illinois; d. Feb 15, 2002, Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois.

128. vi. STELSA ETHEL EVERS, b. Jul 31, 1913, Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois; d. May 29, 1994, Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois.

vii. VIVIENNE MAY EVERS, b. Feb 11, 1916, Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois[664]; d. Mar 09, 2002, Brookfield, Waukesha, Wisconsin[665]; m. (1) ROBERT D. BUNDY, Aug 04, 1939[666]; m. (2) HYMAN A. DEITCH, Dec 27, 1959, Paul & Florence Evers House, Rt. 3, Massac County, Illinois; b. 1911, Russia[667]; d. Dec 01, 1974, Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin - Mitchell Field Terminal Airport while waiting on Vivienne[668]; m. (3) HAROLD DAVID SCHULKIN, Sep 05, 1982, Milwaukee, Wisconsin[669]; b. Jun 06, 1921, Wisconsin; d. Feb 07, 1997, Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin[670].

Death Obit in Journal Sentinel on March 11, 2002
Schulkin, Vivienne M. (nee Evers) March 9, 2002 Age 86 years. Preceded in death by her beloved husbands
Harold Schulkin and Hyman Dietch. Beloved mother of Ron (Michelle) Schulkin of Northridge, California, Linda Lanfear of Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin, Terry (Patricia Schulkin, Marcia (Doug) Arents of Brookfield, Wisconsin, Marlyn Minkin of Kirkland, Washington and Nancy (Sol) Tilson of Marian, Iowa and Lake Worth, Florida. Loving grandmother of David, Steven, Trician, Missy and Annette Schulkin, Lisa Lanfear, Jerica and Brandon Arents, Traci and Jodi Minkin and Michael (Michelle) and Steven Tilson. Special sister-in-law of Kolmas. Further survived by two great-grandchildren, other relatives and friends. Funeral Service 2:00 pm Monday March 11 (Today) at Temple Menorah, 9363 N. 76th St. Internment Beth Hamedresh Hagodel Cemetery. If desired Memorials in Vivienne's name to Temple Menorah, appreciated. Thank you, the staff at Alterra Wynwood for their kind and compassionate care. Suminski Family Funeral Home Suminski/ Weiss (414)276-5122
Burial: Mar 11, 2002, Beth Hamedresh Hagodel Cemetery, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

More About HYMAN A. DEITCH:
Arrival: Jun 23, 1913, Canada[671]
Departure: Jun 1913, Scotland[671]
Medical Information: Hy died at Mitchell Field Airport while waiting on Vivienne, who was returning from a trip home.

More About HAROLD DAVID SCHULKIN:
Military service: Oct 07, 1942, Enlistment to the WWII Army

129. viii. HELEN ANN EVERS, b. Sep 22, 1918, Massac County, Illinois; d. Mar 21, 1971, Hialeah, Dade County, Florida.

ix. BENJAMIN EVERS, b. Aug 14, 1922, Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois; d. Aug 14, 1922, Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois.
Burial: Aug 17, 1922, Lower Salem then to Masonic Cemetery, Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois
Cause of Death: Exsanguinitsisa and Anemia of mother

Children of LUTHER EVERS and NELLIE TROVILLION are:

130. x. LUTHER TREVELYN[6] EVERS, b. Jun 25, 1924, Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois; d. Aug 24, 1988, Marion County, Florida.

131. xi. JOSEPH CALVIN CARR EVERS, b. Dec 17, 1926, Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois.

132. xii. HARRIETT HESTER EVERS, b. Sep 25, 1928, Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois; d. Feb 24, 2005, San Diego, California.

58. HARRIETT HESTER[5] EVERS *(JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Sep 21, 1886 in Hillerman, Massac County, Illinois[672], and died Mar 12, 1958 in Massac County, Illinois. She married JAY DARREL FERGUSON Aug 28, 1907 in Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois[673], son of THOMAS FERGUSON and LAURA JACKSON. He was born Nov 28, 1884 in Massac County, Illinois, and died Mar 25, 1946 in Madison, Wisconsin.

Notes for HARRIETT HESTER EVERS:
Newspaper article in "The Republican Herald" Tuesday, September 16, 1924 (Massac County Paper)
FORMER MISS EVERS MOTHERS LOVELY TWINS
Mr. and Mrs. Luther L. Evers have returned from a visit with relative in Salem, Ill. Mr. Evers reports that his sister, Mrs. J.D. Ferguson, who was formerly Miss Hattie Evers of the West end of Massac County, has lovely twin babies, a boy and a girl, named Lyle and Lalla.

More About HARRIETT HESTER EVERS:
Burial: Lower Salem Methodist Cemetery, Massac County, Illinois
Census 1: 1900, Hillerman, Massac County, Illinois[674]
Census 2: 1910, Tuscola Ward 1, Douglas County, Illinois[675]
Census 3: 1930, Cache, Johnson County, Illinois[676]
Census 4: 1930, Cache, Johnson County, Illinois[676]

Notes for JAY DARREL FERGUSON:
Certificate of Birth. Affidavit was given by first cousin Johnie Sexton of Grand Chain, Illinois. Jay was the 2nd child born.

More About JAY DARREL FERGUSON:
Date born 2: Nov 28, 1885, Road District # 4, Massac County, Illinois
Date born 3: 1896, Illinois[676]
Census 1: 1910, Tuscola Ward 1, Douglas County, Illinois[677]
Census 2: 1930, Cache, Johnson, Illinois[678]
Residence: Bet. 1917 - 1918, Marion County, Illinois[679]

Children of HARRIETT EVERS and JAY FERGUSON are:

i. DARRELL HORATIO[6] FERGUSON, b. Feb 21, 1910, Hillerman, Massac County, Illinois[680]; d. Nov 17, 2004, Grand Chain, Pulaski, Illinois[681,682]; m. GLADYS CATHERINE MESCHER, Oct 08, 1932[683]; b. Sep 12, 1910, Johnson County, Illinois, USA; d. Jan 04, 1992, St. Francis Medical Center, Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Notes for DARRELL HORATIO FERGUSON:
50th Wedding Anniversary held in Grand Chain Community Building on October 9, 1982.

Death Obit, Southern Illinoisan, November 21, 2004
Darrell Ferguson
GRAND CHAIN -- Darrell H. Ferguson, 94, died at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2004, in Metropolis Rehabilitation Center. Services for Darrell H. Ferguson will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Wilson Funeral Home in Karnak, with the Rev. Mike Heston and Ivan Judd officiating. Burial will be in the Masonic Cemetery in Cypress. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. today at the Wilson Funeral Home, with Masonic rites at 7 p.m. Mr. Ferguson's life work was in the field of education. He began teaching at Grand Chain Illinois Elementary School and remained a resident of that

community. He became Pulaski County Superintendent of Schools and served in that capacity until retirement in 1975.Mr. Ferguson was chairman of the steering committee that was able to secure the formation of the Shawnee Community College District and served as the first chief executive officer of the General Educational Development program there. He called the first meeting of school administrators and state consultants that resulted in a four-county Special Education Joint Agreement. Mr. Ferguson was a member of the Executive Committee of the Illinois Association of County Superintendents, chairman of Region VI, and a member of the statewide committee on the Right to Read program. Local, regional and state groups in education favorably cited him. He was a life member of the National Educational Association and recently served on the Regional School Board of School Trustees, which deals with the detachment and also annexations of school district boundary lines. Other than education, Mr. Ferguson was for many years active in the Disciples of Christ Christian Church, serving as elder, trustee, secretary of the board, Sunday school superintendent and teacher. In 1938, Mr. Ferguson became a Mason and later a 32nd degree member of the Scottish Rites Masonry. He received his 50-year pin from Blue Lodge 660 A.F. and A.M. of Grand Chain. He was also a 50-year member and past Worthy Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star of Grand Chain and a 50-year member of the Villa Ridge American Legion Post 178 Lewis-Farris. Mr. Ferguson's work in the educational field was interrupted by time spent in the Navy during World War II. Surviving are two sisters, Beatrice Racey of West Frankfort and Lallah Spurlock of Karnak, and a host of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Gladys Mescher Ferguson; one sister; and two brothers. His parents were Jay Darrell and Harriett Evers Ferguson.
Burial: Nov 20, 2004, Masonic Cemetery, Cypress, Johnson County, Illinois
Census 1: 1920, Salem Ward 1, Marion, Illinois[684]
Census 2: 1910, Tuscola Ward 1, Douglas County, Illinois[685]
Census 3: 1930, Cache, Johnson, Illinois[686]
SSN issued: Illinois[687]

Notes for GLADYS CATHERINE MESCHER:
Death Obit
Gladys Ferguson, 81, of Grand Chain, died Saturday, Jan. 4, 1992 at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.
Mrs. Ferguson was a retired school teacher, a 50-year member and past matron of the Order of Eastern Star Chapter 710, a member and past president of Delta Kappa Gamma sorority and a member of First Christian Church of Grand Chain.
Surviving are her husband, Darrell Ferguson; a brother, Harold Mescher of Metropolis and a sister, Myra June Sullivan of Fairbault, Minn.
Her parents were Charles and Mary Bishop Mescher. She was also preceded in death by a brother and two sisters.
Funeral services was Tuesday at Wilson Funeral Home with Dennis Abell and Steve

Heisner officiating. Burial followed in Masonic Cemetery in Cypress.

More About GLADYS CATHERINE MESCHER:
Burial: Jan 07, 1992, Masonic Cemetery, Cypress, Johnson County, Illinois
SSN issued: Illinois[687]

ii. ORVILLE BLAINE FERGUSON, b. Nov 10, 1912, Tuscola, Douglas County, Illinois[688]; d. Jun 28, 1914, Massac County, Illinois[688].
Burial: Jun 1914, Lower Salem Methodist Cemetery, Massac County, Illinois

133. iii. BEATRICE KATHLEEN FERGUSON, b. Oct 02, 1914, Tuscola, Douglas County, Illinois.

134. iv. JAMES MARSEL FERGUSON, b. Dec 30, 1918, Salem, Marion County, Illinois; d. Apr 26, 1987.

135. v. LAURA ANN FERGUSON, b. Jan 11, 1922, Salem, Marion County, Illinois; d. Apr 07, 1993.

136. vi. LYLE DEAN FERGUSON, b. Aug 05, 1924, Salem, Marion County, Illinois; d. Jul 29, 1995, Arlington, Tarrant County, Texas.

137. vii. LALLAH JEAN FERGUSON, b. Aug 05, 1924, Salem, Marion County, Illinois; d. Dec 10, 2006, West Paducah, McCracken, Kentucky.

59. HUBERT HUFFMAN[5] EVERS *(JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Jul 26, 1893 in Illinois, and died Feb 26, 1963 in Illinois. He married (1) CLARA WHITELOCK[689], daughter of JOHN WHITELOCK and SARAH OLIVER. She was born Nov 25, 1893 in Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois. He married (2) FRANCES KORTZ Bef. 1920, daughter of CHARLES KORTZ and EMMA. She was born 1894 in Missouri.

More About HUBERT HUFFMAN EVERS:
Census 1: Jun 02, 1900, Hillerman, Massac County, Illinois[690]
Census 2: Apr 29, 1910, Hillerman, Massac County, Illinois[691]
Census 3: Jan 16, 1920, Harvey, Cook County, Illinois[692]
Census 4: Apr 22, 1930, Harvey, Cook County, Illinois[693]
Occupation 1: Bet. 1913 - 1915, Farmer[694]
Occupation 2: Jan 16, 1920, Dispatcher for the Railroad[695]
Occupation 3: Apr 22, 1930, Interior Decorator for a Contractor[696]
Social Security Number: Bef. 1951, Issued in Illinois thru the Railroad

More About CLARA WHITELOCK:

Census: Apr 09, 1930, Illinois, Moran County, Jacksonville listed as Clara Gardner
Occupation: Apr 09, 1930, Attendant at City Hospital[696]

More About FRANCES KORTZ:
Date born 2: 1895, Missouri[697]
Census 1: 1920, Harvey Ward 3, Cook County, Illinois[697]
Census 2: Apr 22, 1930, Harvey, Cook County, Illinois[698]

Children of HUBERT EVERS and CLARA WHITELOCK are:

138. i. CYNTHIA ELEANOR[6] EVERS, b. Mar 11, 1913, Hillerman, Massac County, Illinois; d. Jan 01, 1978, Jacksonville, Morgan County, Illinois.

ii. SARAH HESTER EVERS[699], b. Apr 20, 1915, R.F.D., Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois; m. ROBERT FOSTER.
Census: Apr 09, 1930, Illinois, Moran County, Jacksonville

Children of HUBERT EVERS and FRANCES KORTZ are:

iii. JOSEPHINE[6] EVERS, b. Abt. 1921, Illinois; m. DONALD KNAPP.
Census: Apr 22, 1930, Harvey, Cook County, Illinois[700]

139. iv. CHARLES H. EVERS, b. Aug 28, 1923, Illinois; d. Feb 29, 2004, Illinois.

139a. v. MARJORIE ANN EVERS, b. Illinois; m. E. RICHARD STEERE, Aug 13, 1949, Cook County, Illinois; b. Mar 02, 1927.

More About E. RICHARD STEERE:
Residence: Dyer, Lake County, Indiana[701]

60. CYNTHA J.[5] PEELER *(NANCY MINERVA[4] EVERS, JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Aug 20, 1866 in Illinois[702], and died Jun 20, 1902. She married (1) NATHAN BRIDGES Feb 04, 1882 in Johnson County, Illinois[703], son of WM. BRIDGES and /ADAMS. He was born Sep 10, 1861 in Illinois, and died Apr 02, 1897. She married (2) JOHN W. GEORGE Mar 09, 1899 in Johnson County, Illinois. He was born Jul 10, 1867 in Iowa[704], and died Nov 16, 1934 in St. Francis, Clay County, Arkansas.

Notes for CYNTHA J. PEELER:
Middle initial differ from the 1880 Federal Census. "C" is listed in the 1880 Census.

Burial: Jun 1902, West Eden Cemetery, Lower Cache Township, Johnson County, Illinois[705]
Census: 1900, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[706]

More About NATHAN BRIDGES:
Burial: Apr 1897, West Eden Cemetery, Lower Cache Township, Johnson County, Illinois[707]

Marriage Notes for CYNTHA PEELER and NATHAN BRIDGES:
This is the first marriage for the couple and both were living in Johnson County, Illinois at the time of the wedding. No occupation was listed in the source book. The witnesses were N.J. & C.C. Bridges and married by Samuel Bishop, J.P.

More About JOHN W. GEORGE:
Census: 1900, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[708]

Children of CYNTHA PEELER and NATHAN BRIDGES are:

i. MINNIE E[6] BRIDGES[708], b. Sep 1884, Illinois[708].
Census: 1900, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[708]

ii. NANNIE I BRIDGES[708], b. Apr 1887, Illinois[708].
Census: 1900, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[708]

iii. OMA L BRIDGES[708], b. Jan 01, 1890, Illinois[709]; d. Apr 14, 1969, Cook County, Illinois[710].
Census 1: Apr 1910, Oma was living with her mother's sister (Oma Moore), Anna, Union County, Illinois[711]
Census 2: 1900, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[712]
SSN issued: Illinois[713]

iv. JULA A BRIDGES[714], b. May 1892, Illinois[714].
Census: 1900, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[714]

61. ALEXANDER JULUS[5] PEELER *(NANCY MINERVA[4] EVERS, JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Abt. 1868 in Illinois. He married (1) LOUISA DAVIS Nov 11, 1888 in Johnson County, Illinos[715], daughter of ABRAHAM DAVIS and MARY DAVAULT. She was born May 30, 1870 in Union County, Illinois, and died Oct 17, 1904. He married (2) MAGGIE// Abt. 1905.

More About ALEXANDER JULUS PEELER:

Census 1: 1870, Cache Township, Johnson County, Illinois
Census 2: 1880, Cache Township, Johnson County, Illinois
Census 3: 1910, Charleston Ward, Mississippi County, Missouri[716]
Occupation: 1910, Butcher

Marriage Notes for ALEXANDER PEELER and MAGGIE//:
In the 1910 census, Julius A. Peeler listed this was his 2nd marriage and this was the 1st marriage for Maggie. They stated that they have been married 5 years.

Children of ALEXANDER PEELER and LOUISA DAVIS are:

i. ORVA PEELER[6] PEELER, b. Abt. 1896.
ii. ARTHUR J PEELER, b. Abt. 1898.

62. JACOB C.[5] PEELER *(NANCY MINERVA[4] EVERS, JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Oct 13, 1871 in Johnson County, Illinois[717], and died Aug 19, 1948 in Marion, Williamson County, Illinois. He married RELA BELLE MOWERY Apr 30, 1893 in Bride's residence, Johnson County, Illinois[718], daughter of JOHN MOWERY and N. HARTMAN. She was born Feb 13, 1873 in Illinois[719], and died Mar 31, 1952[719].

More About JACOB C. PEELER:
Burial: Aug 1948, Cypress Church of God Cemetery, Cache Township, Johnson County, Illinois[720]
Census 1: 1900, Living with in-laws in Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[721]
Census 2: 1910, Cache Township, Johnson County, Illinois[722]
Census 3: 1920, Marion, Williamson County, Illinois[723]
Census 4: 1930, Marion, Williamson County, Illinois[724]
Occupation: 1910, Retail Merchant, Groceries[725]

More About RELA BELLE MOWERY:
Burial: Apr 1952, Cypress Church of God Cemetery, Cache Township, Johnson County, Illinois[726]
Census 1: 1900, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[727]
Census 2: 1910, Cache, Johnson County, Illinois[728]

Marriage Notes for JACOB PEELER and RELA MOWERY:
This was the first marriage for the couple. Jacob was a farmer at the time of the marriage. The witnesses were J.C. Cates and S.D. Smith and married by J.B. Ravenscraft, M.G. The license number was #1114.

Children of JACOB PEELER and RELA MOWERY are:

i. ROY[6] PEELER, b. Nov 29, 1893, Johnson County, Illinois; d. Dec 13, 1893, Illinois.
Burial: Dec 1893, West Eden Cemetery, Cache Township, Johnson County, Illinois[729]

ii. VERNA PEELER, b. Oct 1895, Johnson County, Illinois; d. Jan 20, 1981; m. (1) DALLAS F ADAMS, Mar 06, 1917; b. Oct 14, 1894, Union County, Illinois[730]; d. Dec 07, 1950; m. (2) LEONARD MCCARTHY, Oct 1957.
More About VERNA PEELER:
Census: 1900, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[731]

More About DALLAS F ADAMS:
Occupation: Bet. 1917 - 1918, Brakeman for C & E I Railroad Company[732]

iii. LEWIS GLEN PEELER, b. Mar 10, 1897, Johnson County, Illinois; d. Jul 23, 1897, Johnson County, Illinois.
Burial: Jul 1897, West Eden Cemetery, Cache Township, Johnson County, Illinois[733]

140. iv. LOIS GLADYS PEELER, b. Mar 10, 1897, Johnson County, Illinois; d. Jun 28, 1973.

v. INFANT PEELER, b. May 26, 1901, Johnson County, Illinois; d. May 26, 1901, Johnson County, Illinois.

vi. LOREN THURMAN PEELER, b. Jul 27, 1903, Cache Township, Johnson County, Illinois; d. May 04, 1964, Cook County, Illinois[734].
Date born 2: 1904, Illinois[735]
Arrival 1: Jun 04, 1926, Louisiana[736]
Arrival 2: Jan 21, 1950, New York, New York on board "Queen of Bermuda" Cruiseship[737]
Census 1: 1910, Cache Township, Johnson County, Illinois[738]
Census 2: 1930, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois[739]
Departure 1: Havana, Cuba[740]
Departure 2: Jan 14, 1950, New York, New York on board "Queen of Bermuda" Cruiseship[741]
Occupation: 1930, Security Teller for a Bank
Residence: 1950, Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois

63. OMA[5] PEELER *(NANCY MINERVA[4] EVERS, JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Nov 1875 in Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[742]. She married JOHN WILLIAM MOORE Jan 23, 1896 in Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois[743]. He was born Jan 1871 in Grand Chain, Illinois[744], and died Apr 15, 1927 in Anna, Union County, Illinois[745].

More About OMA PEELER:
Census 1: 1900, Anna, Union County, Illinois[746]
Census 2: 1920, Anna, Union County, Illinois[747]

More About JOHN WILLIAM MOORE:
Census 1: 1900, Anna, Union County, Illinois[748]
Census 2: 1920, Anna, Union County, Illinois[749]

Marriage Notes for OMA PEELER and JOHN MOORE:
This was the first marriage for the couple, they were married by L.J. Grantham, M.G. and their witnesses were Robbie Evers & Lena Rudd. John's occupation was clerk and living in Anna, Illinois and Oma was residing in Metropolis, Illinois.

Children of OMA PEELER and JOHN MOORE are:

141. i. ERNESTINE[6] MOORE, b. Jun 20, 1906, Anna, Union County, Illinois; d. Sep 26, 1998, Bradenton, Manatee County, Florida.

ii. JOHNATHAN C. MOORE, b. Dec 1909, Anna, Union County, Illinois.
Census 1: 1920, Anna, Union, Illinois[749]
Census 2: 1930, Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan
Occupation: 1930, Hotel Clerk in Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan (listed as married)[750]

iii. JEAN MOORE, b. Dec 1909, Anna, Union County, Illinois.
Census: 1920, Anna, Union, Illinois[751]

64. MYRTLE[5] EVERS *(JOHN WESLEY H.[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Sep 13, 1876 in McCracken County, Kentucky, and died 1963. She married (1) GEORGE ALBERT DAVIS Jun 02, 1894 in Massac County, Illinois[752], son of JAMES A. DAVIS. He was born Mar 07, 1875 in Williamson County, Illinois[753], and died Jul 29, 1922 in Cuba, Fulton County, Illinois[754]. She

married (2) FRED WETTERQUIST Aft. 1918. He was born Abt. 1885 in Illinois.

More About MYRTLE EVERS:
Census 1: Jun 04, 1880, Fayetteville, Washington County, Arkansas
Census 2: 1920, Elgin, Kane County, Illinois

More About GEORGE ALBERT DAVIS:
Occupation 1: Jun 02, 1894, Cigar Maker per Marriage License
Occupation 2: Apr 16, 1906, Cigar Maker per Helen's Birth Certificate
WW I Draft Registration: Sep 12, 1918, Massac County, Illinois listing himself as self-employed as cigar maker[755]

Marriage Notes for MYRTLE EVERS and GEORGE DAVIS:
This was the first marriage for the couple, they were married by Solomon H. Grace, JP and the witness was Hannah Grace.

Children of MYRTLE EVERS and GEORGE DAVIS are:

i. CARRIE VALORA[6] DAVIS[756], b. Oct 05, 1900, Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois[757]; d. May 21, 1982, Massac Memorial Hospital, Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois[758]; m. IRA RANKIN[759]; b. Oct 06, 1897, Illinois; d. Feb 16, 1970, Massac Memorial Hospital, Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois[760].

Notes for CARRIE VALORA DAVIS:
Carrie was listed as the 2nd child born to Myrtle Evers Davis per (delayed) birth certificate with affidavit by Myrtle Davis "Mumme" filed on January 18, 1944.
Burial: May 24, 1982, Masonic Cemetery, Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois[760]
Cause of Death: Acute Myocardial Infarction 1 day[760]
Funeral: May 24, 1982, Miller Funeral Home, Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois[760]
Occupation: Bookkeeper, Retired[760]
Social Security Number: Issued in Illinois

More About IRA RANKIN:
Burial: Feb 18, 1970, Masonic Cemetery, Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois[761]
Cause of Death: Acute Pulmonary Edema 1 day, Status Asthmaticus 3 days, Emphysema 5 years
Funeral: Feb 18, 1970, Miller Funeral Home, Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois[762]
Military service: WWI MUS 3, 1 ENG REG
Social Security Number: Issued in Illinois

ii. HELEN QUINETTA ISABELLA DAVIS, b. Apr 16, 1906, Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois.

Helen was listed as the 3rd child born to Myrtle Evers Davis on her birth certificate.
Residence: 1920, Elgin, Kane County, Illinois[763]

iii. ROBBIE DAVIS[763], b. Abt. 1911, Illinois.
Date born 2: 1913, Illinois[763]
Census: 1920, Elgin, Kane County Illinois[763]

iv. MARY DAVIS, b. Abt. 1912, Illinois.

v. GEORGE DAVIS, b. Abt. 1913, Illinois.
Census: 1920, Elgin, Kane County, Illinois[763]

vi. JACK M DAVIS[764], b. 1916[765].
Census: 1930, Metropolis, Massac, Illinois living with sister Valora & her husband Ira Rankin[766]
Military: Sep 20, 1940, East St Louis, Illinois, Ht 71 in, Wt.135 lbs. and was a Gas Oil man[767]
Residence: Bet. 1938 - 1942, Massac County, Illinois[767]

65. MAURICE JETT[5] EVERS *(JOHN WESLEY H.[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Dec 20, 1895 in Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois, and died Mar 1967 in Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida[768]. He married DELIA M. Abt. 1927. She was born Oct 06, 1907 in Illinois, and died Sep 1972 in Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida.

Notes for MAURICE JETT EVERS:
At the time of Maurice's enlistment into the US Army for WW I, he was 21 years of age, 5'8", brown hair, blue eyes and fair complexion. Upon his honorable discharge, his horsemanship was rated "very good". Serial # 1048192 Private 1st Class Battery D 82 F A.

Death Obit - Fort Lauderdale News, March 23, 1967
Maurice J. Evers, age 71, of 1242 N.W. 2nd Avenue, died today in Broward General Hospital. Resident eight years from Metropolis, Illinois. Survived by his wife Delia M.; one son Wesley L. Evers of Kalamazoo, Michigan; and four grandchildren. Arrangements pending Fairchild North Federal Funeral Home.
Name 2: Jett M Evers[769]
Census 1: Jan 06, 1920, Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois
Census 2: 1930, Kalamazoo, Michigan
Military service: Bet. Jun 04, 1917 - Jan 15, 1923, United States Army
Occupation 1: Bef. Jun 04, 1917, Cigar Maker
Occupation 2: Jan 06, 1920, Laborer at the Stove Plant[770]

Social Security Number: Issued in Michigan

Child of MAURICE EVERS and DELIA M. is:

142. i. WESLEY L.[6] EVERS, b. Sep 15, 1928, Benton, Franklin County, Illinois; d. Feb 27, 2003, Avon Park, Highlands County, Florida.

66. LINDA MAY[5] WILLIS *(HARRIET CATHERINE[4] EVERS, JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[771,772,773] was born Feb 09, 1874 in McCracken County, Kentucky[774,775]. She married W A MCCOMB[776] Aug 29, 1895 in Carroll County, Arkansas. He was born Nov 1861 in Mississippi.

More About LINDA MAY WILLIS:
Census 1: Jun 16, 1880, Eureka Springs, Carroll County, Arkansas[777]
Census 2: 1920, Baton Rouge Ward 2, East Baton Rouge, Louisiana[778]

More About W A MCCOMB:
Census 1: Jun 04, 1900, Crystal Springs Village, Copiah County, Mississippi[779]
Census 2: 1920, Baton Rouge Ward 2, East Baton Rouge, Louisiana[780]
Occupation: 1900, Minister as listed on the census

Children of LINDA WILLIS and W MCCOMB are:

i. CATHERINE[6] MCCOMB[780,780], b. Nov 1899, Texas.
Census: 1920, Baton Rouge Ward 2, East Baton Rouge, Louisiana[781]
Occupation: 1920, Music Teacher at Louisiana State University

ii. AGNES MAY MCCOMB[782,783], b. 1901, Mississippi[783].
Census 1: 1910, Clinton, Hinds, Mississippi[784]
Census 2: 1920, Baton Rouge Ward 2, East Baton Rouge, Louisiana[785]

67. LAURA[5] WILLIS *(HARRIET CATHERINE[4] EVERS, JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[786,787,788] was born Oct 1883 in Eureka Springs, Carroll County, Arkansas. She married PATRICK HENRY MOODY[789,790,791,792] Jun 26, 1907 in Carroll County, Arkansas. He was born Aug 10, 1882 in Mississippi[793,794].

More About LAURA WILLIS:

Date born 2: Oct 1883, Arkansas[795]
Census: Jan 18, 1900, Eureka Springs, Carroll County, Arkansas[796]
Census 1: 1910, Police Jury Ward 1, Tangipahoa County, Louisiana[795]
Census 2: 1930, Tulsa, Tulsa County, Oklahoma[797]

More About PATRICK HENRY MOODY:
Occupation 1: Feb 15, 1917, Traffic Manager[799]
Occupation 2: 1910, Railroad Agent[800]
Occupation 3: 1930, Bookkeeper for Waste Material Co.[801]
Census 1: 1900, Beat 5, Copiah County, Mississippi[803]
Census 2: 1910, Police Jury Ward 1, Tangipahoa County, Louisiana[804]
Census 3: 1930, Tulsa, Tulsa County, Oklahoma[802]
Residence 1: Feb 15, 1917, Kentwood, Tangipahoa County, Louisiana[805]

Children of LAURA WILLIS and PATRICK MOODY are:

i. MARY CATHERINE[6] MOODY[806], b. 1912, Louisiana[806].
Census: 1930, Tulsa, Tulsa, Oklahoma[806]

ii. DARIS MOODY[806], b. 1918, Louisiana[806].
Census: 1930, Tulsa, Tulsa, Oklahoma[806]

iii. ANABEL MOODY[806], b. 1923, Louisiana[806].
Census: 1930, Tulsa, Tulsa, Oklahoma[806]

68. BESSE BLANCHE[5] WILLIS *(HARRIET CATHERINE[4] EVERS, JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Apr 1886 in Eureka Springs, Carroll County, Arkansas. She married (1) WILLIAM GUNTHER MCCULLAM[807,808,809], son of FONTAINE MCCULLAM and ANNA GUNTHER. He was born Jul 15, 1889 in Chicago, Illinois[810,811], and died Aug 06, 1958[812]. She married (2) JOHN B SUMNER Aug 30, 1939 in Crittenden County, Arkansas.

More About BESSE BLANCHE WILLIS:
Census 1: Jan 18, 1900, Eureka Springs, Carroll County, Arkansas[813]
Census 2: May 02, 1910, Eureka Springs, Carroll County, Arkansas[814]
Census 3: 1920, Roselle, Union County , New Jersey[815]
Occupation: 1910, Dressmaker at home[816]

More About WILLIAM GUNTHER MCCULLAM:
Burial: Aug 11, 1958, Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia[817]
Census 1: 1900, Birmingham Ward 8, Jefferson County, Alabama[819]
Census 2: 1910, Eureka Springs, Carroll County, Arkansas[818]
Census 3: 1920, Roselle, Union County, New Jersey[820]
Occupation: Bet. 1917 - 1918, Oil Refining, Standard Oil Company, Wood River, Illinois[821]
Residence 1: Bet. 1917 - 1918, Madison County, Illinois[823]
Residence 2: 1942, Fairfield, Connecticut[822]
Children of BESSE WILLIS and WILLIAM MCCULLAM are:

i. WILLIAM F.[6] MCCULLAM, b. Abt. 1913, Arkansas.
Census: 1920, Roselle, Union County, New Jersey[824]

143. ii. KENNETH EVERS MCCULLAM, b. Feb 09, 1918, Alton, Madison County, Illinois; d. Feb 19, 1982, Trumbell, Fairfield County, Connecticut.

iii. ROBERT GUNTHER MCCULLAM, b. Abt. 1919, Arkansas.
Census: 1920, Roselle, Union County, New Jersey[824]

69. WILLIAM FRANCIS[5] EVERS *(JAMES ROBERT[4], JOSEPH NATHAN[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Dec 24, 1866 in Massac County, Illinois, and died Mar 06, 1940 in Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[825]. He married (1) MARY A GREER Jul 29, 1886 in Johnson County, Illinois[826]. He married (2) SARAH ELLEN MORGAN Aug 22, 1895 in Johnson County, Illinois[827,828], daughter of WILLIAM MORGAN and MARY RIDENHOUR. She was born Nov 25, 1876 in Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois, and died Mar 20, 1935 in Pulaski County, Illinois.

More About WILLIAM FRANCIS EVERS:
Burial: Mar 08, 1940, Masonic Cemetery, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[829]
Cause of Death: Chorcinoma of the rectum for 6 months[830]
Census 1: 1870, Township 14 Range 3, Massac County, Illinois[831]
Census 2: 1880, Hillerman, Massac County, Illinois[832]
Census 3: 1900, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[833]
Census 4: 1910, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[834]
Census 5: 1920, Logan, Massac County, Illinois[835]
Census 6: 1930, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[836]

Medical Information: Informant was Charles Evers
Occupation: 1903, Teamster

More About SARAH ELLEN MORGAN:
Census 1: 1900, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[837]
Census 2: 1910, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[838]
Census 3: 1920, Logan, Massac County, Illinois[839]
Census 4: 1930, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[840]
Residence: 1930, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[841]

Children of WILLIAM EVERS and MARY GREER are:

i. DONNIE BELL[6] EVERS[842,843], b. Jun 16, 1890, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois; d. Mar 09, 1939, Karnak, Pulaski County, Illinois.

ii. UNNAMED SON EVERS, b. Oct 20, 1887, Johnson County, Illinois[844].

Children of WILLIAM EVERS and SARAH MORGAN are:

iii. BEULAH FERN[6] EVERS[845], b. Nov 1898, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[845].
Census 1: 1900, Belknap, Johnson, Illinois[845]
Census 2: 1910, Belknap, Johnson, Illinois[846]

144. iv. JAMES WILLIAM EVERS, b. Jan 11, 1901, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois; d. Jul 11, 1979, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois.

145. v. CHARLES G. EVERS, b. Oct 02, 1903, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois; d. May 1952.

vi. ALBERT HOWEL EVERS[847,848,849], b. Mar 27, 1907, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[850]; d. May 07, 1985, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[851]; m. AGNES ADELINE HAYES, Jan 19, 1939; b. Dec 21, 1912; d. Jul 15, 1984.
Obit for Albert Evers
Albert Evers, age 78, of Belknap, died on May 7, 1985 at the Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, Illinois. He was born the son of William and Sarah Morgan Evers on March 27, 1907 in Johnson County, Illinois.
He was preceded in death by his parents and wife, Adeline (Hayes) Evers on July 15, 1984. He is survived by three daughters, Alberta Houser of Rockchester, Illinois, Loyce Branham and Joyce Edelstein, both of Chatham, Illinois, also 4 grandchildren and 2 step-grandchildren.
Funeral services were held Friday, May 10, 1985 at 1:30 p.m. in the Wilson Funeral Home, Karnak. Burial was in the Masonic Cemetery in Cypress with the Rev. Vernon McClellan officiating. Wilson Funeral Home in Karnak were in charge of arrangements
Burial: May 10, 1985, Cypress Masonic Cemetery, Cypress, Johnson County, Illinois[852]

Census 1: 1910, Belknap, Johnson, Illinois[853]
Census 2: 1920, Logan, Massac, Illinois[854]
Census 3: 1930, Belknap, Johnson, Illinois[855]
SSN issued: Illinois[856]

More About AGNES ADELINE HAYES:
Burial: Aft. Jul 15, 1984, Cypress Masonic Cemetery, Cypress, Johnson County, Illinois[857]

vii. JOHN FRANKLIN EVERS, b. Dec 16, 1909, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[858]; d. Mar 1978, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[859]; m. LIZZIE ALLEN, Jan 01, 1934, Johnson County, Illinois[860].
Census 1: 1910, Belknap, Johnson, Illinois[861]
Census 2: 1920, Logan, Massac, Illinois[862]
Census 3: 1930, Belknap, Johnson, Illinois[863]
SSN issued: Illinois[864]

viii. VIOLET FAY EVERS, b. Nov 10, 1913, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[865].

70. JOHN ROBERT[5] EVERS *(JAMES ROBERT[4], JOSEPH NATHAN[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Dec 23, 1874 in Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois, and died Dec 12, 1949 in Pulaski County, Illinois[866]. He married (1) LAURA IDA BURNS May 13, 1894 in Johnson County, Illinois[867]. She was born Aug 31, 1874 in Johnson County, Illinois, and died Aug 03, 1915[868]. He married (2) IVO RHYMER Dec 23, 1917 in Karnak, Pulaski County, Illinois[869], daughter of LUHRER RIMER and MATILDA MILLER. She was born Oct 27, 1888 in Jonesboro, Union County, Illinois, and died Nov 03, 1964 in Karnak, Pulaski County, Illinois.

More About JOHN ROBERT EVERS:
Census: 1900, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[870]
Occupation: 1894, Merchant per Paul's birth certificate

More About LAURA IDA BURNS:
Burial: Aug 1915, Belknap Masonic Cemetery, Lower Cache Township, Johnson County, Illinois[871]
Census: 1900, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[872]

Children of JOHN EVERS and LAURA BURNS are:

i. PAUL V[6] EVERS[872,873,874], b. Nov 26, 1894, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[875];

d. May 06, 1937, Asheville, Buncombe County, North Carolina[876]; m. MARY EVERS[876,877]; b. 1893, Illinois[877]; d. Jun 05, 1950, St. Joseph's, Shelby County, Tennessee.

More About PAUL V EVERS:
Burial: May 07, 1937, Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee[878]
Cause of Death: Tuberculosis, Pulmonary, chronic bilateral with cavitations [879]
Census 1: 1900, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[879]
Census 2: 1930, Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee[880]
Medical Information: Paul was in North Carolina 25 days prior to death.
Occupation 1: Bet. 1917 - 1918, Railroad Brakeman for Peoria Railway Terminal, Bartonville, Illinois[881]
Occupation 2: Apr 09, 1930, Barber in Barber Shop[882]

More About MARY EVERS:
Census: 1930, Memphis, Shelby, Tennessee[883]

146. ii. SETH EVERS, b. Dec 15, 1896, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois; d. Jul 1972, Salem, Marion County, Illinois.

147. iii. JAMES VIVIAN EVERS, b. Jan 31, 1899, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois; d. Aug 1965.

iv. MADGE EVERS[884], b. Jan 20, 1902, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[885]; m. (1) LOUIS H. MATHIS; b. 1896, Illinois[886]; m. (2) HERMAN CLAPPER.

More About MADGE EVERS:
Census: 1910, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[887]

More About LOUIS H. MATHIS:
Residence: 1910, Ohio, Pulaski County, Illinois[888]

Marriage Notes for JOHN EVERS and IVO RHYMER:
Marriage Register #2 1903-1933 Pulaski County, Illinois This was the 2nd marriage for John, but the first for Lela. John was listed as a merchant at the time of the marriage. John resided in Karnack, Pulaski County and Lela in Anna, Union County, Illinois. They were married by Rev. Robert Smith, Minister and the witnesses were Vivian Evers (male) and Minnie Allen.

71. ADOLPHUS LINN[5] EVERS *(JAMES ROBERT[4], JOSEPH NATHAN[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[889,890,891] was born Aug 29, 1880 in Illinois[891], and died Aug 26, 1942 in Salem, Marion County, Illinois[892]. He married CORNEALIA BERTHA

MORGAN[893,894] Nov 25, 1903 in Johnson County, Illinos[895]. She was born Jun 14, 1884 in Illinois[896].

Notes for ADOLPHUS LINN EVERS:
Describe as short height, medium build, blue eyes & dark hair on WWI Draft Registration.
Census: 1920, Cache, Johnson County, Illinois[897]
Occupation 1: Bet. 1906 - 1918, Brakeman for Chicago & Eastern Illinois RR, Cypress, Johnson County, Illinois[898,899]
Occupation 2: 1903, Gambler[900]

More About CORNEALIA BERTHA MORGAN:
Date born 2: 1885, Illinois[901]
Census 1: 1900, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[902]
Census 2: 1920, Cache, Johnson County, Illinois[903]

Children of ADOLPHUS EVERS and CORNEALIA MORGAN are:

i. RUDELL[6] EVERS[903,903], b. Jul 15, 1903, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[903,903,904]. Census: 1920, Cache, Johnson, Illinois[905]
ii. BEULAH MAUDE EVERS, b. Jan 07, 1906, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[906]; d. Aug 08, 1908, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[907].
Burial: Aug 09, 1908, Masonic Cemetery, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[907]
Cause of Death: Congestion of stomach & bowels & nervous centers[907]
iii. ETHEL EVERS, b. May 16, 1908, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[907].
Name 2: Elizabeth Evers[908]

72. JAMES HAL[5] EVERS *(JAMES ROBERT[4], JOSEPH NATHAN[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[909,910] was born Jul 17, 1889 in Karnak, Pulaski County, Illinois, and died Jan 20, 1938 in Pulaski County, Illinois[911]. He married NAOMI B. HAMMOND Mar 09, 1907 in Johnson County, Illinois[912]. She was born Abt. 1889 in Illinois.

Notes for JAMES HAL EVERS:
Describe as 5' 6", medium build, blue eyes and medium color of hair on US WWI draft registration card.
Occupation: 1917, Brakeman for New York Central RR, Kankakee, Illinois[913]

Child of JAMES EVERS and NAOMI HAMMOND is:

i. WILLARD OWEN[6] EVERS[914,915,916,917], b. Jan 06, 1908, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[918], d. May 1967..
Census 1: 1910, Grand Chain, Pulaski, Illinois[919]
Census 2: 1920, Karnak, Pulaski, Illinois[920]
SSN: 1952, Tennessee

73. CHARLES ROBERT[5] EVERS *(GEORGE WASHINGTON[4], JOSEPH NATHAN[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[921,922,923] was born Jan 09, 1877 in Massac County, Illinois, and died Jan 09, 1950 in Mounds, Pulaski County, Illinois[924]. He married LILLIE MAUD WILLIAMS[925,926] Jul 11, 1895 in Johnson County, Illinois[927], daughter of SAMUEL WILLIAMS and FANNIE WARD. She was born Mar 01, 1881 in Illinois, and died Feb 11, 1958 in Mound City, Pulaski County, Illinois.

More About CHARLES ROBERT EVERS:
Burial: Jan 1950, Belknap Masonic Cemetery, Lower Cache Township, Johnson County, Illinois[928]
Census 1: 1900, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[929]
Census 2: 1920, Mounds, Pulaski County, Illinois[930]
Census 3: 1930, Bluford, Jefferson County, Illinois[931]
Occupation 1: 1900, Day Laborer
Occupation 2: 1920, Car Inspector for the railroad[932]
Occupation 3: 1930, Car Repair

More About LILLIE MAUD WILLIAMS:
Census 1: 1900, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[933]
Census 2: 1920, Mounds, Pulaski County, Illinois[934]

Children of CHARLES EVERS and LILLIE WILLIAMS are:

148. i. NELLIE MAY[6] EVERS, b. Jan 26, 1896, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois; d. Oct 25, 1954, Cairo, Alexander County, Illinois.

ii. GEORGE WASHINGTON EVERS[935], b. Feb 22, 1898, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois; d. Apr 11, 1901, Illinois.
Burial: Aft. Apr 11, 1901, Anderson Cemetery, Boaz, Illinois
Census: 1900, Belknap, Johnson, Illinois[935]

149. iii. SAMUEL WARD EVERS, b. Apr 07, 1900, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois; d. Dec 12, 1969, Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee.

iv. CHARLES ROBERT EVERS, b. Aug 30, 1902, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[936]; d. Apr 20, 1904, Illinois.
Burial: Apr 1904, Anderson Cemetery, Boaz, Massac County, Illinois[937]

v. FANNIE HELEN EVERS, b. Jan 01, 1906, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[938]; d. Jul 07, 1907, Illinois.
On last Sunday, July 7, 1907, the messenger came to the home of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Evers, summoning little Helen, their baby girl, into the beautiful city of God. For only 18 months was this sweet dimpled little darling lent to them. Her dear little presence, her cute baby ways and prattling talk filled their hearts with sunshine. She was the pet and playmate of her older sister & brother, and idolized by her parents and her loving disposition endeared her to all she came in contact with. For only a few days she suffered with pneumonia and other complications, but in spite of all that could be done the pure little spirit, unsullied as it came, returned to its God. We will miss the little pattering feet and bright sweet presence, but her memory is enshrined in our hearts and we know that she is not dead, but only transplanted. She lives with God and we will see her again.
Burial: Aft. Jul 07, 1907, Anderson Cemetery, Boaz, Illinois

150. vi. HARRY OWEN EVERS, SR, b. Aug 31, 1910, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois; d. Sep 23, 1979, Mounds, Pulaski County, Illinois.

74. CLARA MAY[5] EVERS *(GEORGE WASHINGTON[4], JOSEPH NATHAN[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[939,940,941,942,943] was born Nov 23, 1874 in Massac County, Illinois[944], and died 1954. She married CHARLES MARSHALL[945,946,947] Mar 23, 1898 in Pulaski County, Illinois[948], son of R.M. MARSHALL and ELIZABETH FORMAN. He was born Sep 1863 in Mason County, Kentucky, and died Sep 25, 1945 in Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[949].

More About CLARA MAY EVERS:
Burial: 1954, Belknap Masonic Cemetery, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[950]
Census 1: 1900, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[951]
Census 2: 1920, Cache, Johnson County, Illinois[952]
Census 3: 1930, Cache, Johnson County, Illinois[953]

More About CHARLES MARSHALL:
Burial: Sep 1945, Belknap Masonic Cemetery, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[954]
Census 1: 1900, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[955]
Census 2: 1920, Cache, Johnson County, Illinois[956]

Census 3: 1930, Cache, Johnson County, Illinois[958]

Child of CLARA EVERS and CHARLES MARSHALL is:

i. WILLIAM FORMAN[6] MARSHALL[958,959,960], b. May 20, 1899, Illinois[961]; d. Mar 1978, Greenville, Bond County, Illinois[962].
Census 1: 1900, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[963]
Census 2: 1920, Cache, Johnson County, Illinois[964]
Medical Information: Medium Height, Medium Build, Blue Eyes and Red Hair[965]
SSN issued: Illinois[966]
WW I Draft Registration: Sep 12, 1918, Vienna, Johnson County, Illinois[967]

75. JESSE W.[5] EVERS *(GEORGE WASHINGTON[4], JOSEPH NATHAN[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[968,969,970,971] was born Apr 03, 1889 in Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[972], and died May 22, 1945 in Paducah, McCracken County, Kentucky[972,973]. He married GERTRUDE PRIESTLY Jul 05, 1910 in Johnson County, Illinois[974], daughter of ANDERSON. She was born Dec 13, 1885 in Illinois[975], and died Oct 23, 1966 in Orange County, California[975].

Notes for JESSE W. EVERS:
Obituary
Jesse W., son of George W. & Hester I. Evers, was born in Belknap, Illinois, April 3, 1889, and departed this life May 22, 1945, at the age of 56 years,1 month and 20 days.
He was united in marriage with Miss Gertrude Priestly, July 5, 1910. To this union was born four children, Edward Warren, who died in infancy, Mrs. Gilbert Fahrenkamp and Mrs. Joe Simmons of Metropolis, Illinois, and George, recently returned from overseas duty with the Sixth Marine Division and now stationed in Memphis, Tennessee.
He was a member of the Belknap Methodist Church which he joined in young manhood. His father and one sister, Mrs. Ethel Wright, preceded him in death. Besides the immediate family, he is also survived by his mother, Mrs. I.M. Hamilton; two sisters, Mrs. Robert Powell of Sheridan, Wyoming, and Mrs. Charles Marshall of Belknap, Illinois, and one brother, Charles Evers of Mounds; five grandchildren, Elizabeth Ann, Russell and David Fahrenkamp, Louis and George Simmons.
He leaves a number of nephews and nieces and a host of other relatives and

friends who greatly regret his passing.
Funeral services were conducted by Aikens Funeral Service at the Methodist Church in Belknap, Illinois, with Rev. E.M. Dycus officiating. Interment was in the Belknap cemetery. Casket bearers were Fred Bonifield, Paul Clark, Ray Davis, Ira Rankin, Jack Walker and Clyde Kirkpatrick. Singers were Rev. and Mrs. Gaines Sorrow and Rev. Grady Hogue, with Mrs. Gladys Hogue at the piano.
Burial: May 29, 1945, Belknap Masonic Cemetery, Lower Cache Township, Johnson County, Illinois[976]
Cause of Death: Arteriosclerotic Heart & Congestive Heart Failire[977]
Census 1: 1900, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[978]
Census 2: 1910, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[979]
Census 3: 1920, Cache, Johnson County, Illinois[980]
Census 4: 1930, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[981]

Notes for GERTRUDE PRIESTLY:
Metropolis-News December 22, 1966
A greeting received from Mrs. Mildred Evers Decker, Upland, California, stated that her mother, Mrs. Gertrude (Jess) Evers died suddenly October 23rd. She was a former resident of Belknap and Metropolis.
Name 2: Gertrude Agnes Evers[982]
Census 1: 1920, Cache, Johnson County, Illinois[983]
Census 2: 1930, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[984]

Children of JESSE EVERS and GERTRUDE PRIESTLY are:

i. MILDRED MARIE[6] EVERS, b. Aug 21, 1915, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[985]; d. May 14, 1993, Kula, Maui County, Hawaii[986]; m. (1) GILBERT FAHRENKAMP; b. 1912, Illinois[987]; m. (2) KENNETH B DECKER[988], Nov 22, 1962, Los Angeles, California[988]; b. Jul 30, 1910[989]; d. Sep 22, 2000, Kula, Maui County, Hawaii[989].

More About MILDRED MARIE EVERS:
Census 1: 1920, Cache, Johnson County, Illinois[990]
Census 2: 1930, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[991]
SSN issued: Illinois[992]

More About GILBERT FAHRENKAMP:
Census: 1920, Logan, Massac, Illinois[993]

More About KENNETH B DECKER:
SSN issued: California[994]

151. ii. VIRGINIA DALE EVERS, b. May 29, 1917, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois.
iii. GEORGE W EVERS[995], b. 1922[995].
Census: 1930, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[995]
iv. EDWARD WARREN EVERS, b. Jul 12, 1926, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois; d. Jul 12, 1926, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois.
Burial: 1926, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois
Cause of Death: Breech Presental Strangulation[996]

76. MONTE R.[5] EVERS *(GEORGE WASHINGTON[4], JOSEPH NATHAN[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[997] was born Jan 10, 1903 in Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[998,999]. She married ROBERT S POWELL[1000]. He was born 1898 in Maryland.

Notes for MONTE R. EVERS:
It was last known that Montye (Evers) Powell resided in Sheridan, Wyoming and several of her children resided there, also.
Census 1: 1920, Cache, Johnson County, Illinois[1001]
Census 2: 1930, Sheridan, Sheridan County, Wyoming[1002]

More About ROBERT S POWELL:
Census 1: Apr 09, 1930, Sheridan, Sheridan County, Wyoming[1003]
Census 2: 1920, Camp Zachary Taylor, Jefferson County, Kentucky[1004]
Occupation: 1930, Trucking listed on 1930 Census

Children of MONTE EVERS and ROBERT POWELL are:
i. WILLIAM R[6] POWELL[1005], b. 1922, Maryland[1005].
Census: 1930, Sheridan, Sheridan County, Wyoming[1005]
ii. CLARA S POWELL[1005], b. 1924, Maryland[1005].
Census: 1930, Sheridan, Sheridan County, Wyoming[1005]
iii. LENEVE D POWELL[1005], b. 1926, Wyoming[1005].
Census: 1930, Sheridan, Sheridan County, Wyoming[1005]

77. JAMES BENJAMIN[5] EVERS *(WILLIAM BENJAMIN[4], JOSEPH NATHAN[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[1006,1007,1008] was born Aug 08, 1873 in Illinois, and died Sep

27, 1957 in Marion, Williamson County, Illinois. He married MARY LOUISE MELLEIN[1009] Feb 01, 1898 in Pulaski County, Illinois[1010]. She was born Nov 18, 1880 in Belleville, St. Clair County, Illinois[1011], and died Sep 24, 1961 in Murphysboro, Jackson County, Illinois.

More About JAMES BENJAMIN EVERS:
Census 1: 1880, Hillerman, Massac County, Illinois[1012]
Census 2: 1900, West, New Madrid County, Missouri[1013]
Census 3: 1930, Vienna, Johnson County, Illinois listed as a widower living with half-brother Harry & family.[1014]
Occupation: Sep 12, 1918, Steward for Majestic Excursions, Memphis, Tennessee[1015]
WW I Draft Registration: Sep 12, 1918, Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee[1016]

More About MARY LOUISE MELLEIN:
Census: 1900, West, New Madrid, Missouri[1017]

Children of JAMES EVERS and MARY MELLEIN are:

i. SIDNEY RAYMOND[6] EVERS[1017,1018], b. Jan 18, 1898, Johnson County, Illinois[1019]; d. Oct 19, 1989, Cook County, Illinois[1020]; m. MYRTLE M EVERS[1021]; b. 1904[1021].
Census 1: 1900, West, New Madrid County, Missouri[1022]
Census 2: 1920, Norwood Park, Cook County, Illinois[1023]
Census 3: 1930, Norwood Park, Cook County, Illinois[1024]
Occupation: 1930, Hospital Attendant
SSN issued: Illinois[1025]

More About MYRTLE M EVERS:
Census: 1930, Norwood Park, Cook County, Illinois[1026]

152. ii. CARL ROBERT EVERS, b. Aug 18, 1901, Missouri; d. 1991, Prescott, Yavapai County, Arizona.

iii. CATHERINE ELIZABETH EVERS[1027], b. Jul 02, 1908, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[1028].
Census: 1910, Grand Chain, Pulaski County, Illinois[1029]

78. ELIJAH NATHAN[5] EVERS *(WILLIAM BENJAMIN[4], JOSEPH NATHAN[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[1030] was born Sep 19, 1880 in Boaz, Johnson County, Illinois[1031], and died May 09, 1938 in Johnson County, Illinois[1032]. He married MAGGIE

FINCHEN Jan 10, 1905 in Johnson County, Illinos[1033] and divorced before 1938.

More About ELIJAH NATHAN EVERS:
Burial: May 12, 1938, Anderson Cemetery, Boaz, Massac County, Illinois[1034]
Cause of Death: Syphilis, Arterio Sclerosis- Arotic Aneurysm 04-26-1938[1034]
Census: 1900, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[1035]
WW I Draft Registration: Sep 12, 1918, Laborer for Harry Evers, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois.

Child of ELIJAH EVERS and MAGGIE FINCHEN is:

i. FLOSSIE GERTRUDE[6] EVERS, b. Sep 19, 1906, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[1036].

79. HARRY CHESTER[5] EVERS *(WILLLAM BENJAMIN[4], JOSEPH NATHAN[3], WILLLAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[1037] was born Aug 03, 1888 in Boaz, Illinois[1038], and died Jan 1967[1039]. He married SERGIE E. HAMMOND Mar 30, 1907 in Johnson County, Illinois[1040], daughter of T. HAMMOND and MARY WORKMAN. She was born Feb 23, 1891 in Illinois[1040], and died Oct 17, 1929 in Vienna, Johnson County, Illinois[1041].

Notes for HARRY CHESTER EVERS:
On WWI draft registration, Harry was described as short, medium build, blue eyes & brown hair.
Census 1: 1900, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[1042]
Census 2: 1910, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[1043]
Census 3: 1920, Cache, Johnson County, Illinois[1044]
Occupation: 1920, Foreman at sawmill[1044]

More About SERGIE E. HAMMOND:
Burial: Oct 20, 1929, Fraternal Cemetery, Johnson County, Illinois[1045]
Cause of Death: Chronic Myocarditis with contributory Bronchial Asthma[1045]
Census: 1920, Cache, Johnson County, Illinois[1046]
Medical Information: Informant - Mrs. Mabel Calts

Children of HARRY EVERS and SERGIE HAMMOND are:

i. JEWEL SIDRID[6] EVERS, b. Mar 21, 1908, Johnson County, Illinois[1047]; m. ROBERT L. BELLANREY; b. Abt. 1908, Illinois.

More About JEWEL SIDRID EVERS:
Census: 1920, Cache, Johnson County, Illinois
Census: 1930, Vienna, Johnson County, Illinois[1048]

More About ROBERT L. BELLANREY:
Census: 1930, Vienna, Johnson County, Illinois living with father-in-law[1049]

ii. MARY ELIZABETH EVERS, b. Dec 24, 1909, Johnson County, Illinois[1051].
Census: 1920, Cache, Johnson County, Illinois

iii. JOSEPH ROSS EVERS, b. Apr 02, 1915, Johnson County, Illinois[1051]; d. Oct 10, 2008, Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana[1052].
Indianapolis Star, The (IN) - October 11, 2008
Deceased Name: Joseph R. Evers
Joseph R. Evers, 93, Indianapolis, died Oct. 10, 2008. Graveside services: 12 p.m. Mon. Oct. 13 at Vienna Fraternal Cemetery, Vienna. Illinois with visitation from 2 to 5 p.m. Sun. Oct.
Census: 1920, Cache, Johnson County, Illinois
SSN issued: Illinois[1052]

80. RAY MARSHALL[5] EVERS *(WILLIAM BENJAMIN[4], JOSEPH NATHAN[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Jan 01, 1900 in Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[1053]. He married ALLIE PEARL EVANS[1054] Jul 03, 1918 in Johnson County, Illinois[1055], daughter of HENRY EVANS and DORA REID. She was born Aug 27, 1900 in Simpson, and died Jan 16, 1991 in Hillview Health Care Center, Vienna, Johnson County, Illinois[1056].

Notes for RAY MARSHALL EVERS:
WW I draft registration description was medium height, medium build, blue eyes and blond hair.
Census 1: 1900, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[1057]
Census 2: 1910, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[1058]

Notes for ALLIE PEARL EVANS:
Obit
Allie Pearl Evers, age 90, of Vienna died at 9:05 a.m., Wednesday, January 16, 1991 in the Hillview Health Care Center, Vienna. She was born in Simpson, Aug.

27, 1900 the daughter of Henry and Dora (Reid) Evans. She was married to Ray M. Evers who preceded her in death. She is survived by two sons Ray of Portage, Indiana, and Jim of Burkesville, Kentucky., seven grandchildren; a brother Alfred Evans and two sisters, Dorthy Mae Staton of Metropolis and Mildred Parker of Cottonwood, Ariz.
A son Jack Evers and two brothers Wayne Evans and Hal Evans preceded her in death. She attended Belknap Public Schools. Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, January 19, 1991 in the Whitnel Funeral Home, Vienna, Illinois. Burial wan in Belknap Masonic Cemetery with Rev. Gary Lloyd officiating
Burial: Jan 19, 1991, Belknap Masonic Cemetery, Johnson County, Illinois[1059]
SSN issued: Illinois[1060]

Children of RAY EVERS and ALLIE EVANS are:

153. i. JACK DEE[6] EVERS, b. Dec 22, 1923, DOB listed for Social Security; d. Jun 1986, Indianapolis, Marion, Indiana, United States of America.
ii. JIM EVERS.

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81. ELLA MAY[6] RAGLE *(NANCY CAROLINE[5] PETTIT, JANE[4] EVERS, JAMES ROBERT[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Mar 1882 in Illinois. She married FRANK MATHIAS COMBEST. He was born May 1867, and died Apr 16, 1920 in Pana, Christian County, Illinois.

Child of ELLA RAGLE and FRANK COMBEST is:

i. GRACE[7] COMBEST, b. May 1898, Christian County, Illinois.

82. LOUIE[6] THRASHER *(CICERO AUGUSTUS[5], JANE[4] EVERS, JAMES ROBERT[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Mar 16, 1891 in Illinois, and died Oct 23, 1964. He married ANNE GRIFFITH.

More About LOUIE THRASHER:
Name 2: Luis W Thrasher[1061]

Date born 2: 1891, Illinois[1061]
Burial: Lloyd Cemetery, Dunklin County, Missouri
Residence: 1910, Haywood, Clay County, Arkansas[1061]

Children of LOUIE THRASHER and ANNE GRIFFITH are:

i. LEEVURN[7] THRASHER[1062], b. May 12, 1917; d. Nov 07, 1986.
SSN issued: Missouri[1062]

154. ii. ALFRED THRASHER.

83. KING WALLACE[6] EVERS *(ERNEST PAUL[5], VOLNEY CICERO[4], JAMES ROBERT[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[1063] was born Dec 16, 1914 in Arizona[1064], and died Apr 26, 1988 in Livermore, Alameda County, California[1065]. He married DOROTHY.

Notes for KING WALLACE EVERS:
The Philadelphia Inquirer, 05-08-1921
Each year brings its new crop of "finds." In five-year old King Evers, Oliver Morosco believes that he has one of the most important "discoveries" of the year. The youngster originally cast in a small part in "The Half Breed," proved such a success that the role was expanded so that the boy became a near principal. The Morosco officials think so highly of the boy that he has been placed under contract.
Census 1: 1920, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California, POB listed as Arizona[1066].
Census 2: 1930, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California, POB listed as California[1067].
Occupation: Bet. 1922 - 1924, King acted in 2 films: "Daddies" and "The Half Breed"
SSN issued: Bef. 1951, California[1068]

Children of KING EVERS and DOROTHY are:

155. i. KING W.[7] EVERS, JR., b. Abt. 1946.
156. ii. KATHRYN EVERS, b. Abt. 1947.
157. iii. DEBORAH EVERS, b. Abt. 1956.

84. MAJEL JOYCE[6] DUNLOP *(KITTIE MAJEL[5] EVERS, VOLNEY CICERO[4], JAMES ROBERT[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Mar 19, 1921 in Washington, and died Nov 21, 1995 in Alameda County, California[1069]. She married WILLIAM KERR.

Notes for MAJEL JOYCE DUNLOP:
TriVally Herald - November 26, 1995, p 18A
Obituary - Livermore, CA
Majel Joyce Kerr, a resident of Livermore since 1970, died of cancer at Valley Care Medical Center in Pleasanton on Tuesday, November 21, 1995. She was 74. Born March 19, 1921, Mrs. Kerr was a native of Seattle, Washington. She received her bachelor's of science degree in pre-med from the University of Washington in 1943 and was an accomplished pianist and artist. Mrs. Kerr is survived by her husband, William, of Livermore; her daughter, Kathleen Grant of Pasadena; sister Jasmyn Hamilton of West Hills; grandson, Gregory Johns of Pasadena; granddaughter, Kelly Johns of Costa Mesa; two nieces and one nephew. Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Saint Clare's Episcopal Church, 3350 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton, with the Rev. Maurice Turner officiating. Cremation will be private at Callaghan Mortuary in Livermore.
Burial: 1995, Memorial Gardens, Livermore, Alameda County, California
Census: 1930, Seattle, King County, Washington
SSN issued: Bef. 1951, Washington

Child of MAJEL DUNLOP and WILLIAM KERR is:
i. KATHLEEN MAJEL[7] KERR, b. Aft. 1935.
Occupation: Painter-Artist

85. BESSIE[6] GREEN *(JOHN WESLEY[5], MARY JANE[4] EVERS, JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* She married BURIE C. NALL Nov 28, 1916 in Graves County, Kentucky.

Children of BESSIE GREEN and BURIE NALL are:
i. CHARLOTTE[7] NALL.
ii. RACHEL NALL.
iii. JUNE NALL.

86. EDNA[6] BOAZ *(GEORGE WASHINGTON[5], MARTHA[4] EVERS, JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[1070] was born Feb 01, 1876 in McCracken County, Kentucky, and died Feb 04, 1974. She married // BEAN.
Name 2: Edna Earl Boaz
Census: 1910, District 6, McCracken County, Kentucky[1070]

Child of EDNA BOAZ and // BEAN is:

i. DELLON DEWEY[7] BEAN[1070], b. Nov 21, 1898, Kentucky[1071]; d. Mar 15, 1969, Paducah, McCracken County, Kentucky[1072].
Census: 1910, District 6, McCracken County, Kentucky[1073]
Residence: 1969, McCracken[1074]
SSN issued: Kentucky[1075]

87. NANNIE MAY[6] BOAZ *(BENJAMIN FRANKLIN[5], MARTHA[4] EVERS, JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Abt. 1900 in Kentucky[1076]. She married JIM BOB KING Jul 17, 1926 in Obion County, Tennessee[1077].
More About NANNIE MAY BOAZ:
Census: Apr 16, 1930, Graves County, Kentucky[1078]
Occupation: 1930, Laborer at a Clothing Manufacturer

Child of NANNIE BOAZ and JIM KING is:

i. BOAZ E.[7] BELT, b. Nov 11, 1923, Kentucky[1079]; d. Oct 24, 2000, Montgomery County, Texas[1080].
Census: 1930, Living with grandparents & mother in Graves County, Kentucky[1081]
Residence: 2000, Humble, Harris County, Texas[1082]
SSN issued: Bef. 1951, Kentucky
WW II Enlistment Record: Jun 08, 1943, Evansville, Indiana, been living in Alaska-described as ht-5'4", wt-111[1083].

88. EFFIE AGNESS[6] BOAZ *(LINN BOYD[5], MARTHA[4] EVERS, JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Jun 30, 1884 in Road District # 4, Massac County, Illinois, and died Mar 17, 1970. She married (1) /KACHELHOFER. He was born in Germany. She married (2) JOSEPH CORDRAY. He was born in South

Carolina.

Notes for EFFIE AGNESS BOAZ:
Certificate of Birth. Dora Peck, a cousin, gave affidavit for the birth certificate and she was living in Joppa, Illinois at the time June 15, 1945. Effie was listed as the first child and the only one living at that time. Most likely an error as Leonard Augusta birth was listed earlier in Linn's diary.

More About EFFIE AGNESS BOAZ:
Census 1: Jun 08, 1900, Stark, Bradford County, Florida[1084]
Census 2: Apr 21, 1910, Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida listed as a widow Effie Kachelhofer
Census 3: Jan 09, 1920, Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida with Joseph Cordray
Census 4: 1930, Illinois, Cook County, District 1234 & listed as Effie Cordray

Child of EFFIE BOAZ and /KACHELHOFER is:

i. EVA[7] KACHELHOFER, b. Bet. 1903 - 1904, Montana.
Census 1: Apr 21, 1910, Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida[1085]
Census 2: Jan 09, 1920, Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida living with step father Joseph Cordray[1086]

89. DELBERT JOHN[6] BOAZ *(LINN BOYD[5], MARTHA[4] EVERS, JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[1087] was born Sep 05, 1892 in Boaz, Massac County, Illinois, and died Jan 28, 1958 in Duval County, Florida.
Delbert was described as slender and short built, having light color hair and blue eyes on his WWI draft registration card.
Date born 2: Sep 04, 1892, as listed on his WWI Draft Registration Card in Jacksonville, Florida[1087]
Census 1: Jun 08, 1900, Stark, Bradford County, Florida[1088]
Census 2: Apr 21, 1910, Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida living with sister Effie Kashelhefer[1089]
Census 3: 1930, Illinois, Cook County, District 1234 and listed as a Veteran
Occupation 1: 1930, Lineman for Electrical Line for the 1930 Census
Occupation 2: Bet. 1917 - 1918, Traveling Lineman for The Tenison Company

Children of DELBERT JOHN BOAZ are:

i. MARY[7] BOAZ, b. Abt. 1924, Indiana.
Census: 1930, Illinois, Cook County, District 1234

ii. VIRGINIA BOAZ, b. Abt. 1936, Illinois.
Census: 1930, Illinois, Cook County, District 1234

90. LURA[6] BOAZ *(THOMAS DICK[5], MARTHA[4] EVERS, JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Nov 15, 1890 in Kentucky[1090], and died Mar 10, 1981 in Monterey, California[1090]. She married JAMES J MCNEELY[1091] Oct 15, 1913 in Mayfield, Graves[1091]. He was born Jan 15, 1884[1091], and died Nov 06, 1950[1091].

More About LURA BOAZ:
Name 2: Lura Boaz McNeely[1092]
Date born 2: Nov 1890, Kentucky[1093]
Census: 1900, Dublin, Graves County, Kentucky[1093]
Occupation: 1910, School Teacher

Children of LURA BOAZ and JAMES MCNEELY are:

158. i. LALA VIRGINIA[7] MCNEELY, b. Dec 30, 1914, Wingo, Graves County, Kentucky; d. Sep 1985, Arlington, Arlington County, Virginia.
159. ii. LUCY ELLEN MCNEELY.
160. iii. MARY SUE MCNEELY.

91. EVERS HARPER[6] BOAZ *(JOHN DAVID EVERS[5], MARTHA[4] EVERS, JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Aug 10, 1908 in Union City, Tennessee, and died Mar 08, 1983 in Port St. Lucie, Florida. He married ALICE JOSEPHINE MILLER. She was born Aug 05, 1914 in Huron, South Dakota, and died Apr 20, 1996 in Slidell, St Tammany Parish, Louisiana.

More About EVERS HARPER BOAZ:
Burial: Mar 11, 1983, Memorial Park Cemetery, Oklahoma
Census: 1910, Tennessee[1094]
Occupation: Apr 11, 1930, Salesman for glove company

Child of EVERS BOAZ and ALICE MILLER is:
i. LIVING[7] BOAZ.

92. WILLIAM HOWARD[6] STARKS *(LOUISA ELIZABETH[5] COPLAND, DELPHIA CAROLINE[4] EVERS, JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Jul 25, 1879 in Road District # 5, Massac County, Illinois, and died Mar 20, 1963 in Massac County, Illinois. He married CLARA ELVIRA TAYLOR Oct 22, 1917 in Massac County, Illinois. She was born in Stearns County, Minnesota, and died Dec 22, 1954.

Notes for WILLIAM HOWARD STARKS:
Reference: Delayed Certificate of Birth that his Aunt Mattie Cockerel gave affidavit of his birth. Mattie was living in Joppa, Massac County, Illinois at this time in 1944.

Child of WILLIAM STARKS and CLARA TAYLOR is:
i. IDA ELIZABETH[7] STARKS, b. Abt. 1920.

93. HERBERT GARFIELD[6] STARKS *(LOUISA ELIZABETH[5] COPLAND, DELPHIA CAROLINE[4] EVERS, JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Jul 21, 1883 in Massac County, Illinois, and died Dec 22, 1963. He married (1) LULA BELL SHELTON Dec 24, 1902 in J.E. Holt's, Massac County, Illinois[1095], daughter of HENRY SHELTON and SALLY SHELTON. She was born Abt. 1879 in Illinois. He married (2) MAUD MALISSA LITTLE Apr 07, 1908 in Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois[1096], daughter of WILLIAMSON LITTLE and LAURA CAMPBELL. She was born Oct 31, 1891 in Massac County, Illinois, and died Jul 04, 1965.

Notes for HERBERT GARFIELD STARKS:
On both of Garfield's marriage applications, he listed Marshall County, Kentucky as place of birth.
Discrepancy on DOB, 1881 is listed as DOB on Tombstone.
Burial: Dec 1963, Lower Salem Methodist Cemetery, Massac County, Illinois

More About MAUD MALISSA LITTLE:

Burial: Jul 1965, Lower Salem Methodist Cemetery, Massac County, Illinois

Child of HERBERT STARKS and LULA SHELTON is:

i. INFANT DAUGHTER[7] STARKS, b. Jan 27, 1904; d. Jan 27, 1904.
Burial: Jan 1904, Lower Salem Methodist Cemetery, Massac County, Illinois

Child of HERBERT STARKS and MAUD LITTLE is:

161. ii. GWENDOLINE[7] STARKS, b. Sep 19, 1909; d. May 05, 1982.

94. ROXY SHORT[6] STARKS *(LOUISA ELIZABETH[5] COPLAND, DELPHIA CAROLINE[4] EVERS, JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Dec 31, 1883 in Massac County, Illinois. He married ELVA ALEXANDER. She was born Abt. 1887 in Massac County, Illinois.

More About ROXY SHORT STARKS:
Occupation: 1907, Railroad Brakeman

Children of ROXY STARKS and ELVA ALEXANDER are:

i. CLELUS MACA[7] STARKS, b. Nov 24, 1907, Joppa, Massac County, Illinois.
Clelus filed a delayed birth certificate with her father giving affidavit; she was listed as the 2nd child born
to her mother.

ii. CHARLES WILLIAM STARKS.

95. DEPHIA PEARL[6] STARKS *(LOUISA ELIZABETH[5] COPLAND, DELPHIA CAROLINE[4] EVERS, JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Jul 11, 1886 in Rd District #5, Rt. 1, Grand Chain, Massac County, Illinois, and died May 20, 1953 in Charleston, Coles County, Illinois. She married CLARENCE ELMER JACOBS, son of BARTLEY JACOBS and MARY ORDWAY. He was born Oct 13, 1882 in Crittenden, Kentucky and died Dec 06, 1974.

Notes for DEPHIA PEARL STARKS:
Delayed Record of Birth, State File # 200376 and was filed on July 13, 1950. Document #1 was Affidavit by older brother, H.G. Starks who resided in Grand Chain at that time. Document #2 was Marriage Record and document #3 was

Birth record of son, Alton Jacobs on December 3, 1905 in Illinois.
Census 1: 1910, Charleston Ward 3, Coles County, Illinois
Census 2: 1920, Charleston Ward 3, Coles County, Illinois
Census 3: 1930, Charleston, Coles County, Illinois
Occupation: 1930, Seamstress at home

Notes for CLARENCE ELMER JACOBS:
Census 1: 1900, Logan, Massac County, Illinois
Census 2: 1910, Charleston Ward 3, Coles County, Illinois
Census 3: 1920, Charleston Ward 3, Coles County, Illinois
Census 4: 1930, Charleston, Coles County, Illinois
Occupation 1: 1910, Fireman for Steam Railroad
Occupation 2: Between 1920 – 1930, Engineer for Steam Railroad
Residence, 1941, Frankfort, Clinton County, Indiana per WWII registration.

Children of DEPHIA STARKS and CLARENCE JACOBS are:

i. ALTON[7] JACOBS, b. Dec 03, 1905, Illinois; d. Nov 1968, Charleston, Coles County, Illinois.
Census 1: 1910, Charleston Ward 3, Coles County, Illinois
Census 2: 1920, Charleston Ward 3, Coles County, Illinois
Census 3: 1930, Charleston, Coles County, Illinois
SSN issued: Bef. 1951, Illinois[1097]

ii. IRENE JACOBS, b. Jan 06, 1910, Illinois; d. Nov 30, 1941, Edwardsville, Madison County, Illinois.
Census 1: 1910, Charleston Ward 3, Coles County, Illinois
Census 2: 1920, Charleston Ward 3, Coles County, Illinois
Census 3: 1930, Charleston, Coles County, Illinois

96. ALMA MARIAH[6] STARKS *(LOUISA ELIZABETH[5] COPLAND, DELPHIA CAROLINE[4] EVERS, JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Mar 02, 1889 in Rd District #4, Massac County, Illinois, and died Mar 03, 1979 in Massac Memorial Hospital, Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois[1098]. She married ANDREW PERRY LITTLE Aug 27, 1906 in Pulaski County, Illinois[1099], son of WILLIAMSON LITTLE and LAURA CAMPBELL.

Notes for ALMA MARIAH STARKS:

Certificate of Birth. Alma was the 6th child born and the 5th living at the time of her birth. Mattie Cockerel, aunt, gave affidavit for the certificate and she lived in Joppa, Illinois at the time of her birth.

Notes for ANDREW PERRY LITTLE:
Obituary for Andrew Little:
Andrew Perry Little, 83, of Route 1 Grand Chain died Sunday at Massac Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were held Tuesday, 2pm at the Hillerman Church of Christ with Bro. Wiley Mathis officiating. Music was by Janice Bryant, Wanda Hohns, Luna Farley and Ronald Bryant. Burial was in the IOOF Cemetery in Metropolis, Illinois with Louis Bayless, J.W. Meyer, Arthur Meyer, Lavern Whitelock, Paul Anderson and George Little serving as pallbearers. Aikins-Farmer Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Mr. Little is survived by his wife Alma; two sons, Harold of Massac County and Gerald of St. Louis; and 11 grandchildren.
Occupation: Farmer
Religion: Attended Bethel Church of Christ, Hillerman, Massac County, Illinois

Children of ALMA STARKS and ANDREW LITTLE are:

i. HAROLD[7] LITTLE, b. Jun 30, 1907, Hillerman, Massac County, Illinois; d. May 13, 1987, Good Samaritan Home, Massac County, Illinois.
ii. GERALD LITTLE, b. Jun 13, 1918, Hillerman, Massac County, Illinois; d. Dec 16, 1988, Creve Coeur, St. Louis, Missouri.

97. LILLIAN RUTH[6] STARKS *(LOUISA ELIZABETH[5] COPLAND, DELPHIA CAROLINE[4] EVERS, JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Oct 24, 1895 in Massac County, Illinois, and died Aug 30, 1976. She married WILBURN TRUMBO.

Child of LILLIAN STARKS and WILBURN TRUMBO is:

i. FOREST[7] TRUMBO.

98. SUSIE[6] STARKS *(LOUISA ELIZABETH[5] COPLAND, DELPHIA CAROLINE[4] EVERS, JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Jan 08, 1902 in Massac County, Illinois, and died Jun 16, 1987 in Coldwater, Branch County, Michigan.

She married ROY EDGAR BARNETT Jul 27, 1921 in Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois[1100], son of JAMES BARNETT and VIOLA THOMPSON. He was born Abt. 1900 in Massac County, Illinois.

More About SUSIE STARKS:
Burial: Quincy, Branch County, Michigan

Child of SUSIE STARKS and ROY BARNETT is:
i. ROY JR.[7] BARNETT.

99. EVA LEOTA[6] DOUGLAS *(ELLA JOSEPHINE[5] COPLAND, DELPHIA CAROLINE[4] EVERS, JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born May 1887 in Massac County, Illinois. She married CHARLES WILLIAM SMITH. He was born Abt. 1888 in Massac County, Illinois.

More About EVA LEOTA DOUGLAS:
Census: Jun 07, 1900, Hillerman, Massac County, Illinois[1101]

More About CHARLES WILLIAM SMITH:
Occupation: 1908, Day Laborer

Children of EVA DOUGLAS and CHARLES SMITH are:
i. ORIEN GLEN[7] SMITH, b. Oct 14, 1908, Massac County, Illinois[1102]; d. 1968. Orien had filed a delayed birth record on July 25, 1942 with his Grandmother Ella Douglas as giving an affidavit and she lived on 1100 E. 2nd Street, Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois. Orien was listed at the 1st child born to his mother.
ii. WILLIAM G SMITH, b. May 02, 1912; d. Mar 09, 1993.
iii. BESSIE ELLEN SMITH, b. Mar 12, 1917; d. Feb 14, 1938; m. PAUL GREEN.

100. AUBREY[6] DOUGLAS *(ELLA JOSEPHINE[5] COPLAND, DELPHIA CAROLINE[4] EVERS, JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Nov 19, 1889 in Rd. District # , Hillerman Precinct, Massac County, Illinois[1102]. He married ELIZABETH BUNCH. She was born Abt. 1893.

Notes for AUBREY DOUGLAS:

A Delayed Record of Birth file February 17, 1953. Document #1 was an affidavit filed by Aunt Allie Barnett of Karnak, Illinois. Document #2 was Social Security # received November 30, 1936.
Census 1: Jun 07, 1900, Hillerman, Massac County, Illinois[1103]
Census 2: 1920, Logan Precinct, Massac County, Illinois[1104]
WW I Draft Registration: Aug 05, 1917, Described as Medium Build, Medium Height, Brown Hair and Blue Eyes[1105]

Children of AUBREY DOUGLAS and ELIZABETH BUNCH are:

i. LESTER[7] DOUGLAS, b. Abt. 1911.
ii. RAY DOUGLAS, b. Abt. 1914.
iii. VELMA MAY DOUGLAS, b. Abt. 1915.
iv. JOHN FRED DOUGLAS, b. Abt. 1917.
v. HELEN M. DOUGLAS.

101. CHARLES H.[6] DOUGLAS *(ELLA JOSEPHINE[5] COPLAND, DELPHIA CAROLINE[4] EVERS, JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Dec 1891 in Massac County, Illinois. He married ETHEL SEXTON.

More About CHARLES H. DOUGLAS:
Census: Jun 07, 1900, Hillerman, Massac County, Illinois[1106]

Children of CHARLES DOUGLAS and ETHEL SEXTON are:

i. IONE[7] DOUGLAS.
ii. CHARLES R. DOUGLAS.
iii. HOMER B. DOUGLAS.

102. IDA LENORE[6] CLARK *(MARGARET LEOTA[5] COPLAND, DELPHIA CAROLINE[4] EVERS, JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[1107,1108,1109,1110,1111,1112] was born Sep 30, 1889 in California[1113,1114,1115], and died Dec 18, 1990 in Martinez, Contra Costa County, California[1116]. She married GUIFFORD EDMOND LANDON[1117,1118,1119,1120], son of HERMAN LANDON and YONCE. He was born Dec 04, 1882 in Missouri[1121], and died Mar 13, 1952 in Santa Cruz, California[1121].

More About IDA LENORE CLARK:

Census 2: 1930, Hanford, Kings County, California[1123]
Census 1: 1900, Township 2, Tuolumne County, California[1122]
SSN issued: California[1124]

More About GUIFFORD EDMOND LANDON:
Medical Information: Medium Height, Medium Build, Brown Hair, Blue Eyes[1125]
Census 1: 1900, Nipomo, San Luis Obispo County, California[1127]
Census 2: 1930, Hanford, Kings County, California[1126]

Children of IDA CLARK and GUIFFORD LANDON are:

i. NAOMI E.[7] LANDON[1128,1129,1130], b. Mar 28, 1916, Fresno, California[1131].
Census: 1930, Hanford, Kings County, California[1132]

ii. THELMA L. LANDON[1132], b. 1919, California[1132].
Census: 1930, Hanford, Kings County, California[1132]

103. DELPHIA LAVINIA[6] CLARK *(MARGARET LEOTA[5] COPLAND, DELPHIA CAROLINE[4] EVERS, JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[1133] was born May 01, 1900 in Tuolumne County, California[1134], and died Jul 03, 1993 in Butte, California[1134]. She married ARTHUR JAMES PLATZEK[1135,1136,1137] Jan 31, 1919 in Fresno, California, son of MAX PLATZEK and ELSIE MYERS. He was born Sep 12, 1897 in Fowler, Fresno County, California[1138,1139,1140,1141], and died Aug 03, 1961 in Butte County, California[1142,1143].

Notes for DELPHIA LAVINIA CLARK:
Obit - Oroville, California
A graveside service for longtime Oroville resident Delphia Clark Platzek, 93, will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Memorial Park Cemetery.
She died Saturday, July 3, 1993, in a family home. Mrs. Platzek was born May 13, 1900 in Tuolumne County, California. The daughter of pioneer stock, she was born in a log cabin built by her father. She grew up in Selma, and moved to Oroville 63 years ago. Mrs. Platzek and her husband, James, owned a business known as Jimmy's Exchange in Oroville from 1931 - 1946. She was very active in the Historical Society, Genealogy Society and the Gem Society. She is survived by a son, Max of Oroville; two daughters, Maebelle Shelton of Oroville and Ruth Campbell of Memphis, Tenn.; and five grandchildren and nine great

grandchildren. Her husband died in 1961. Visitation will be from 8 - 10 a.m. today at Scheer Memorial Chapel, which is handling the arrangements.
Date born 2: May 13, 1901, California
Census: Apr 04, 1930, Kern County, California

Notes for ARTHUR JAMES PLATZEK:
Death Obit - Arthur Platzek - Oroville Mercury Register, Saturday, August 5, 1961, pg 10
Funeral services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. in Scheer Memorial Chapel for Arthur James (Jimmy) Platzek, 62, of 49 Pine Oaks Road, who died Thursday in his home after an extended illness.
Rev. Henry Lowe of Trinity Presbyterian Church will officiate. Graveside rites will be under the auspices of Oroville Veterans of Foreign Wars. Mr. Platzek was born in Fowler, Fresno County, September 12, 1898, and had lived here the past 31 years.
He operated Jimmy's Exchange, a second-hand shop on Myers Street, from 1930 to 1945, when he retired.
Date born 2: Sep 12, 1897, California
Census 1: 1900, Township 4, Fresno County, California[1145]
Census 2: Apr 04, 1930, Kern County, California
Occupation: 1930, Insurance Agent
Residence: Butte County, California[1144] per Jimmy's WWII registration card.

Children of DELPHIA CLARK and ARTHUR PLATZEK are:

i. MAX W.[7] PLATZEK[1146], b. 1920, California[1146].
Military: Jan 10, 1941, San Francisco, California[1146]
Residence: 1941, Butte County, California[1146] per Max's Army Enlistment Records.

ii. MAYBELLE PLATZEK, b. Oct 05, 1929, Fresno, California[1147]; m. // SHELTON.
Name 2: Mae Belle Platzek[1147]
Census: Apr 04, 1930, Kern County, California[1148]

iii. RUTH PLATZEK, m. // CAMPBELL.

104. VERNA VALORA[6] EVERS *(JAMES PRYOR[5], WILLIAM HENRY WARREN[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[1149,1150,1151] was born Oct 31,

1884 in Graves County, Kentucky, and died Jul 17, 1975 in Tulsa, Tulsa County, Oklahoma[1152]. She married JOSEPH STANLEY BURRADELL[1153 1154] Aug 15, 1911 in Henry County, Tennessee[1155]. He was born Mar 21, 1884 in Kentucky, and died 1954 in Pinellas, Florida. Joseph and Verna were divorced when Martha was a baby per Laura Schultes.

Notes for VERNA VALORA EVERS:
Death/Funeral Notice Friday July 18, 1975 Tulsa Newspaper
Burradell, Mrs. Verna Evers, 90, passed away Thurs. Survived by daughters, Mrs. Lyda E. Beard of 2451 East 40th St., Mrs. Martha DeJarnette of 5412 South Zunis Pl.; 5 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren. She was employed with the Board of Education for 30 years. Graveside rites 10 a.m. at Saturday, Memorial Park Cemetery Moore's Eastlawn.

As per Laura Schultes.
Verna was in good health most of her life, only complaining of knees & arthritis. Verna attended Kentucky University and taught school when very young. She worked for the Board of Education for many years, she was a secretary to principals. Verna went to work for Beatrice Foods (creamery/ice cream) Co. in order to get her Social Security. (Board of Education did not have that benefit at that time.)
Burial: Jul 19, 1975, Memorial Park Cemetery, Moore's Eastlawn, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Census: 1920, Tulsa, Tulsa County, Oklahoma[1156]

More About JOSEPH STANLEY BURRADELL:
Cause of Death: Leukemia
Medical Information: On his WWI draft registration card, he was of medium height/build, Dark grey eyes and black hair.
Census: 1920, Tulsa, Tulsa County, Oklahoma[1156]
WW I Draft Registration: Bet. 1917 - 1918, Collector for Metropolitan Insurance Co., Paducah, Kentucky

Children of VERNA EVERS and JOSEPH BURRADELL are:
162. i. LYDA EVERS[7] BURRADELL, b. Nov 17, 1912, Marshall County, Kentucky; d. Aug 1981, Tulsa, Tulsa County, Oklahoma.

163. ii. MARTHA FRANCES BURRADELL, b. Jun 27, 1919, Kentucky.

105. WILLIAM PLEASANT VALENTINE[6] EVERS *(JAMES PRYOR[5], WILLIAM HENRY WARREN[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[1157] was born Jul 03, 1886 in Mayfield, Graves County, Kentucky[1158], and died Feb 10, 1961 in Wauseon, Fulton County, Ohio. He married ETHEL LURLINE TAYLOR[1159] Oct 07, 1911 in Obion County, Tennessee[1159], daughter of THOMAS TAYLOR and ELIZA HONEYCUT. She was born Dec 13, 1890 in Kentucky[1160], and died Mar 17, 1985 in Wauseon, Fulton, Ohio. The information on the descendants of W.P.V. & Ethel Lurline (Taylor) Evers was submitted by Laura Schultes

Notes for WILLIAM PLEASANT VALENTINE EVERS:
Described at Medium height/slender built with Gray Eyes and Red Hair on his WWI Draft Registration Card.
Death Obit - The Blade Correspondent Newspaper
Dr. W.P.V. Evers - 45 Years A Doctor In Fulton County
Wauseon, Ohio February 11. Dr. W.P.V. Evers, 74, a practicing physician and surgeon in Fulton County for 45 years, died yesterday in Detwiler Hospital. Dr. Evers was born in Mayfield, KY. He received his medical degree from Vanderbilt University in 1910 and served his internship in National Jewish Hospital, Denver, Colorado. He opened his first office in Rosiclare, a mining town on the Ohio River in southern Illinois. He was the only doctor in the town. There was no hospital. Periodic floods of the river added to the pressure of work of the physician. (MOVES TO TEDROW) In response to an advertisement in a medical journal in 1916, Dr. Evers learned there was an opening for a physician in the Tedrow community in Fulton County. He moved his family to Tedrow that year and his practice in the county was interrupted only by service in WW I. He served in France as a First Lieutenant in the Medical Corps of the army and was wounded and gassed. On his recovery he was assigned to duty in a hospital in Germany. Dr. Evers was discharged in April 1919, and two years later moved his office from Tedrow to Wauseon. He continued his practice until last Christmas. (ACTIVE IN CIVIC AFFAIRS) He was active in civic affairs here and served eight years on the board of education. He was a charter member of the Exchange Club and Robinson-Gibbs American Legion Post. He was also a member of

Sigma Chi fraternity, the Chamber of Commerce and the Masonic and Elks lodges. On several occasions, he served as Chief of Staff of Detwiler Hospital. On May 10, 1960, the Ohio Medical Association awarded Dr. Evers a pin marking 50 years in the medical profession. Dr. Evers is survived by his wife, Lurline; son, James T., Neptune, N.J.; a daughter, Mrs. Laura Kull, Wauseon; sister, Mrs. Verna S. Burradell, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in the Penrod Mortuary. Burial will be in Wauseon Cemetery. The body will be in the mortuary after 1 p.m. today. Masonic services will be conducted at the mortuary at 8:30 p.m. Sunday and military rites will be conducted at the grave by the American Legion.
Funeral Home Pamphlet: Services: Monday - 2 P.M. February 13, 1961 Penrod Funeral Home, Wauseon, Ohio Minister Officiating: Rev. M. Dale Humbert
Burial: Feb 13, 1961, Wauseon Union Cemetery, Fulton County, Ohio
Cause of Death: Bronchogenic CA of Rt. Lung with mediastinal metastasis per death certificate
Census: Jan 17, 1920, Dover, Fulton County, Ohio
Degree: 1910, Medical Degree, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee
Education: Bef. 1910, West Kentucky College, Mayfield, Kentucky
Medical Internship: 1910, National Jewish Hospital, Denver
Military service 1: Corporal for Kentucky National Guards for 2 years[1161]
Military service 2: Bet. 1917 - Apr 1919, WWI- Medical Corps
Occupation: 1910, Physician and Surgeon

Notes for ETHEL LURLINE TAYLOR:
Funeral Home Pamphlet: Services First Christian Church; Wednesday Morning, March 20 At 11:00 O'Clock Minister Officiating: Rev. George R. Reese
Burial: Mar 20, 1985, Wauseon Union Cemetery, Fulton County, Ohio
Cause of Death: Advanced artherosclotic heart disease, generalized artheroschrosis
Medical Information: Also had cerebral arthroschrosis/ Fractured hip with hip replacement

Marriage Notes for WILLIAM EVERS and ETHEL TAYLOR:
As per Laura Schultes
Lurline's wedding dress was made by her mother, Eliza Jane Henton.

Children of WILLIAM EVERS and ETHEL TAYLOR are:

164. i. JAMES TAYLOR[7] EVERS, b. Jul 29, 1912, Illinois; d. Jul 15, 1996, Neptune, Monmouth County, New Jersey.
ii. WILLIAM VASTINE EVERS, b. Sep 1915; d. Sep 1915.
165. iii. LAURA JANE EVERS, b. Dec 01, 1916, Tedrow, Fulton County, Ohio; d. Mar 23, 1996, Wauseon, Fulton, Ohio.

106. GROVER OSWELL[6] FEEZOR *(SUSIE WILLIAM JOHNSON[5] EVERS, WILLIAM HENRY WARREN[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Feb 14, 1889 in Graves County, Kentucky, and died Jan 17, 1975 in McCracken County, Kentucky[1162]. He married MARY M COLLER. She was born Abt. 1887 in Graves County, Kentucky, and died Dec 22, 1968 in Graves, Kentucky[1163].

More About GROVER OSWELL FEEZOR:
Burial: Jan 1975, Little Boaz Cemetery, Graves County, Kentucky
Census: 1920, Hausmann, Graves County, Kentucky[1164]

More About MARY M COLLER:
Burial: Dec 1968, Little Boaz Cemetery, Graves County, Kentucky
Census: 1920, Hausmann, Graves County, Kentucky[1164]

Children of GROVER FEEZOR and MARY COLLER are:

i. ROBERT K[7] FEEZOR[1164], b. Aug 11, 1910, Graves County, Kentucky[1165]; d. Jan 19, 2003, Boaz, Graves County, Kentucky[1165].
Date born 2: 1911, Kentucky[1166]
Census: 1920, Hausmann, Graves County, Kentucky[1166]
SSN issued: Kentucky[1167]
ii. MABLE FEEZOR, b. Jun 28, 1913, Graves County, Kentucky[1168].
Name 2: Mabel Feezor[1168]
Census: 1920, Hausmann, Graves County, Kentucky[1169]
iii. NEOMA FEEZOR, b. Jan 09, 1915, Graves County, Kentucky[1170].
Census: 1920, Hausmann, Graves County, Kentucky[1171]
iv. JAMES GILBERT FEEZOR, b. Apr 08, 1917, Graves County, Kentucky; d. May 31, 1928, Mayfield, Graves County, Kentucky[1172].
Burial: Jun 01, 1928, Little Boaz Cemetery, Graves County, Kentucky
Cause of Death: ?, Nephritis and Endocarditis following measles[1172]
Census: 1920, Hausmann, Graves County, Kentucky[1173]

Medical Information: Informant was P.R. Brown.

107. JAMES THOMAS[6] FEEZOR *(SUSIE WILLIAM JOHNSON[5] EVERS, WILLIAM HENRY WARREN[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Sep 22, 1894 in Kentucky, and died Nov 22, 1976. He married NORA LEE KALER Oct 19, 1917 in McCracken County, Kentucky, daughter of DAVID KALER and MARY DERRINGTON. She was born Sep 11, 1896 in Graves County, Kentucky, and died Sep 22, 1933 in Herrin, Williamson County, Illinois.

More About JAMES THOMAS FEEZOR:
Census: Jun 25, 1900, Graves County, Kentucky
WW I Draft Registration: Jun 05, 1917, Medium/slender build with gray eyes and dark color of hair

More About NORA LEE KALER:
Burial: Sep 1933, Symsonia Cemetery, Graves County, Kentucky

Children of JAMES FEEZOR and NORA KALER are:

166. i. JAMES LEVEL[7] FEEZOR, b. Jun 01, 1918, Kentucky; d. Mar 1964, Illinois.
167. ii. EDGAR LEE FEEZOR.
168. iii. WILMA FEEZOR.

108. ANNIE MAE[6] FEEZOR *(SUSIE WILLIAM JOHNSON[5] EVERS, WILLIAM HENRY WARREN[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[1174,1175,1176] was born Aug 29, 1896 in Kentucky, and died Aug 24, 1974. She married PERRY ROSCOE BROWN[1177,1178,1179] Aug 1919 in Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois, son of JOHN BROWN and MARY FLETCHER. He was born Aug 26, 1894 in Kentucky[1180,1181], and died Feb 11, 1954 in Mayfield, Graves County, Kentucky[1181].

More About ANNIE MAE FEEZOR:
Census: Jan 12, 1920, Hausmann, Graves County, Kentucky[1182]
Residence 1: 1930, Mayfield, Graves County, Kentucky[1183]
Residence 2: 1920, Hausmann, Graves County, Kentucky[1184]

More About PERRY ROSCOE BROWN:
Burial: Feb 1954, Highland Park Cemetery, Graves County, Kentucky
Census 1: 1920, Hausmann, Graves County, Kentucky[1181]

Census 2: 1930, Mayfield, Graves County, Kentucky[1185]
Occupation: 1930, Studebaker Auto Dealer[1186]

Children of ANNIE FEEZOR and PERRY BROWN are:

i. PERRY ROSCOE JR.[7] BROWN[1187,1188], b. Aug 16, 1920, Graves, Kentucky[1189]; d. Aug 05, 1921, Graves, Kentucky[1190].
Burial: Aug 06, 1921, New Spring Creek, Graves County, Kentucky[1191]
Cause of Death: Acute Entericcolitis[1191]

169. ii. HELEN KATHLEEN BROWN, b. Nov 26, 1921, Boaz, Graves County, Kentucky; d. Nov 01, 2001, Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee.

109. GRACIE[6] FEEZOR *(SUSIE WILLIAM JOHNSON[5] EVERS, WILLIAM HENRY WARREN[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[1192,1193,1194,1195] was born May 12, 1900 in Kentucky[1195], and died Jul 26, 1985 in Paducah, McCracken County, Kentucky[1195]. She married RUDY LESTER MOORE May 22, 1929 in Paducah, McCracken County, Kentucky, son of JOHN MOORE and LUCINDA BROWN. He was born Oct 15, 1897 in Hardmoney, McCracken County, Kentucky, and died Dec 03, 1966 in Hardmoney, McCracken County, Kentucky.

More About GRACIE FEEZOR:
Census 1: 1910, Magisterial District 8, Graves County, Kentucky[1198]
Census 2: Jan 12, 1920, Hausmann, Graves County, Kentucky[1196]

Children of GRACIE FEEZOR and RUDY MOORE are:

170. i. MARGUERIETE ELIZABETH[7] MOORE, b. Sep 09, 1922, Graves County, Kentucky.

ii. HILDA JANE MOORE, b. May 28, 1924; m. JOHN CHARLES COOPER.

iii. JUDITH FEEZOR MOORE, b. Oct 02, 1933; m. EDWIN BOYD RUDOLPH.

iv. PATRICIA ANN MOORE, b. Jun 29, 1937; m. KENNETH JOE HOLLIDAY.

110. MARGUERETTE[6] FEEZOR *(SUSIE WILLIAM JOHNSON[5] EVERS, WILLIAM HENRY WARREN[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[1200] was born 1902 in Graves County, Kentucky. She married RAYMOND K. BOAZ Apr 20, 1924. He was born 1900 in Kentucky, and died Mar 31, 1965 in Graves County, Kentucky[1201].

More About MARGUERETTE FEEZOR:

Census 1: 1910, Magisterial District 8, Graves County, Kentucky[1203]
Census 2: Jan 12, 1920, Hausmann, Graves County, Kentucky[1202]
Census 3: Apr 09, 1930, Graves County, Kentucky[1204]

More About RAYMOND K. BOAZ:
Burial: Apr 1965, Spring Creek Church of Christ Cemetery, Graves County, Kentucky[1205]
Census: Apr 09, 1930, Graves County, Kentucky[1206]
Occupation: 1930, Farmer

Children of MARGUERETTE FEEZOR and RAYMOND BOAZ are:

i. CHARLOTTE[7] BOAZ, b. Abt. 1925, Kentucky.
Census: Apr 09, 1930, Graves County, Kentucky[1206]

ii. WILLIAM G BOAZ, b. Jul 26, 1926, Graves County, Kentucky[1207].
Census: Apr 09, 1930, Graves County, Kentucky[1208]

111. BIRDIE ANN[6] GREEN *(FRANCIS MARION[5], LOUISA HELLEN[4] EVERS, JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Jul 21, 1889, and died May 02, 1976 in Kentucky. She married JOHN PURYEAR WILKERSON, son of LAUN WILKERSON and ELUEL PREYER. He was born Sep 19, 1886 in Graves County, Kentucky, and died Sep 28, 1949 in Hickory, Graves County, Kentucky.

More About BIRDIE ANN GREEN:
Burial: After May 2, 1976, Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Kentucky

More About JOHN PURYEAR WILKERSON:
Burial: Sep 30, 1949, Green's Chapel Cemetery, Graves County, Kentucky[1209]
Cause of Death: Lymphatic Leukemia for 4 years[1209]
Medical Information: Informant was Mrs. John Wilkerson
Occupation: Farmer

Child of BIRDIE GREEN and JOHN WILKERSON is:

i. J.P. RAY[7] WILKERSON, b. May 08, 1926; d. May 27, 1957.
Burial: May 1957, Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Kentucky

112. RESSIE MARION[6] GREEN *(FRANCIS MARION[5], LOUISA HELLEN[4] EVERS, JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Oct 08, 1895 in Graves County, Kentucky, and died Jan 23, 1933 in Graves County, Kentucky. She married EZRA CECIL VAUGHAN/VAUGHN, son of GEORGE VAUGHAN and PENELOPE ADAMS. He was born Sep 25, 1890 in Kentucky, and died Feb 10, 1922 in Graves County, Kentucky.

More About RESSIE MARION GREEN:
Burial: Nov 24, 1933, Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Kentucky
Cause of Death: Cerebral Hemorrhage

More About EZRA CECIL VAUGHAN/VAUGHN:
Burial: Feb 10, 1922, Old Green Family Cemetery, Graves County, Kentucky aka Pleasant Grove Cemetery
Cause of Death: Meningitis
Occupation: 1922, Farmer

Children of RESSIE GREEN and EZRA VAUGHAN/VAUGHN are:

171. i. DORTHEA LOUISE[7] VAUGHAN, b. Dec 24, 1916; d. Jul 30, 1974.
172. ii. OWEN G. VAUGHAN, b. 1918; d. 1991.
173. iii. WILMA CECIL VAUGHAN, b. Oct 08, 1922, Kentucky; d. Jun 06, 1945, Mayfield, Graves County, Kentucky.

113. EUNICE MILDRED[6] EVERS *(ALBERT WARREN[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Abt. 1902 in Gays, Illinois. She married JOHN H MEYER[1210] Sep 13, 1921 in Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois[1211], son of WILLIAM MEYER and ANNA. He was born Jan 20, 1896 in Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois.

More About EUNICE MILDRED EVERS:
Census 1: 1920, Hillerman, Massac County, Illinois[1212]
Census 2: Apr 09, 1930, Lansing, Ingham, Michigan

More About JOHN H MEYER:
Census: 1930, Lansing, Ingham, Michigan[1213]

Occupation: Apr 09, 1930, Car Washer in garage in Lansing, Michigan[1214]

Marriage Notes for EUNICE EVERS and JOHN MEYER:
This was the first marriage for the couple and both were residing in or near Grand Chain, Illinois. John was a farmer at the time of the marriage. The witnesses were Luther L. Evers and Ethel M. Evers and married by O.E. Connett, Minister of Gospel. John listed his occupation as a farmer at the time of the marriage.

Children of EUNICE EVERS and JOHN MEYER are:

i. W WARREN[7] MEYER[1215], b. 1923, Illinois[1215].
Census: 1930, Lansing, Ingham, Michigan[1215]

ii. EVANGELINE M MEYER[1215], b. 1924, Illinois[1215].
Census: 1930, Lansing, Ingham, Michigan[1215]

iii. FLORENCE M MEYER[1215], b. 1925, Michigan[1215].
Census: 1930, Lansing, Ingham, Michigan[1215]

iv. J DARRELL MEYER[1215], b. Feb 03, 1926, Michigan[1216]; d. Feb 1989[1216].
Census: 1930, Lansing, Ingham, Michigan[1217]
SSN issued: Nebraska[1218]

v. ANNA K MEYER[1219], b. 1928, Michigan[1219].
Census: 1930, Lansing, Ingham, Michigan[1219]

114. HOLLY MARCUS[6] LIPPERT *(CYNTHIA CAROLINE[5] EVERS, JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Oct 30, 1899 in Illinois, and died Jul 16, 1930 in Pulaski County, Illinois. He married RUTH MADDEN.

More About HOLLY MARCUS LIPPERT:
Burial: Jul 18, 1930, Boaz/Anderson Cemetery, Boaz, Massac County, Illinois
Cause of Death: Pulmonary Tuberculosis

Children of HOLLY LIPPERT and RUTH MADDEN are:

i. LEON[7] LIPPERT.

ii. LORENE LIPPERT.

iii. FLOYD LIPPERT.

iv. WINNIFER LIPPERT.

v. EDWIN AARON LIPPERT, b. Feb 08, 1930; d. May 19, 1930, Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois.
Burial: May 21, 1930, Anderson Cemetery, Massac County, Illinois

115. CLAUDE LUTHER[6] LIPPERT *(CYNTHIA CAROLINE[5] EVERS, JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Jun 18, 1901 in Illinois, and died Nov 14, 1974. He married GOLDA HELMIG. She was born Mar 27, 1908, and died Feb 17, 1993 in Paducah, McCracken County, Kentucky.

More About CLAUDE LUTHER LIPPERT:
Burial: Nov 1974, Lower Salem Methodist Cemetery, Massac County, Illinois

More About GOLDA HELMIG:
Burial: Feb 1993, Lower Salem Methodist Cemetery, Massac County, Illinois
Cause of Death: Certificate #0432 Vol.#4[1220]

Children of CLAUDE LIPPERT and GOLDA HELMIG are:

i. EVA JUNE[7] LIPPERT.
ii. DORIS C. LIPPERT, b. Sep 17, 1931; m. JACK MORGAN MACE; b. Jun 11, 1921; d. Sep 09, 1995, m. Jun 26, 1965.

More About JACK MORGAN MACE:
Burial: Sep 1995, Lower Salem Methodist Cemetery, Massac County, Illinois

iii. CLAUDIA L. LIPPERT.

116. FLOSSIE MAY[6] EVERS *(JAMES OLIVER[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Feb 26, 1900 in Hillerman, Massac County, Illinois, and died Dec 18, 1992 in Grand Chain, Pulaski County, Illinois[1221]. She married JOHN RUSSELL MCINTIRE, son of JOHN MCINTIRE and ESSIE/EFFIE GAUNT. He was born Oct 09, 1896 in Illinois, and died Dec 15, 1968 in Massac Memorial Hospital, Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois[1222].

Notes for FLOSSIE MAY EVERS:
Flossie resided in Southern Illinois and for most of her 92 years lived in the same home in Grand Chain, Illinois. She was a valued member of her community and church congregation. She was known in the family for her caring and jovial spirit. She was also favored her family with a sweet and warm-bread smelling kitchen as well as her fried chicken dinners with all the traditional side dishes. She liked to

"visit" with friends and family in her living room while accommodating her short stature with a favorite footstool.
Burial: Aft. Dec 18, 1992, Masonic Cemetery, Grand Chain, Pulaski County, Illinois
Census: 1920, Grand Chain, Pulaski County, Illinois[1223]
Social Security Number: 1961, Issued in Illinois[1224]

More About JOHN RUSSELL MCINTIRE:
Burial: Dec 17, 1968, Masonic Cemetery, Grand Chain, Pulaski County, Illinois[1225]
Cause of Death: CVA -2 Days; 1 yr Essential Hypertension
Medical Information: Subject was found unconsciousness in the barn on his farm
Occupation 1: Dec 1968, Farmer-Stock
Occupation 2: 1930, U.S. Post Master[1226]
Census 2: 1930, New Grand Chain, Pulaski, Illinois[1227]
Social Security Number: Bet. 1954 - 1955, Issued in Illinois[1228]
Children of FLOSSIE EVERS and JOHN MCINTIRE are:

i. MARSHALL[7] MCINTIRE, b. Oct 21, 1919, Pulaski County, Illinois; d. Oct 21, 1919, Pulaski County, Illinois.
Burial: Aft. Oct 21, 1919, Grand Chain Masonic Cemetery, Pulaski County, Illinois

ii. JAMES RUSSELL MCINTIRE, b. Apr 05, 1921, Pulaski County, Illinois; d. Dec 03, 1925, Pulaski County, Illinois.
James was hit by an automobile while riding a tricycle, dying of a skull fracture as a young boy.
Burial: Aft. Dec 03, 1925, Grand Chain Masonic Cemetery, Pulaski County, Illinois

174. iii. MARGARET LUCILLE MCINTIRE, b. Mar 28, 1925, Pulaski County, Illinois.

175. iv. ORPHA MILDRED MCINTIRE, b. Feb 11, 1927, Pulaski County, Illinois; d. Nov 23, 2001, Riverton, Sangamon County, Illinois.

117. FLORA LUCY[6] EVERS *(JAMES OLIVER[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Oct 09, 1901 in Illinois[1228], and died Aug 17, 1991 in Thorton, Cook County, Illinois[1228]. She married (1) GEORGE ARTHUR COLBERT. He was born in Cairo, Alexander County, Illinois. She married (2) HARRY CLARY Nov 1937 in Covington, Indiana.

Notes for FLORA LUCY EVERS:
Flora married and divorced George Colbert of Cairo, Illinois. She married Harry Clary in November 1937 in Covington, Indiana. She lived in several communities in southern and south central Illinois, eventually moving to Harvey, Illinois where she lived for many years. She was an office manager and bookkeeper for several businesses, the last being an Oldsmobile dealership. She was a loving mother and grandmother. She was known by her family as an intelligent, sophisticated and charming business woman who knew how to dress for the part.
Social Security Number: Bef. 1951, Issued in Illinois[1228,1229]

Child of FLORA EVERS and GEORGE COLBERT is:

i. GEORGE ARTHUR[7] COLBERT.
Died at age 6 months of pneumonia

Child of FLORA EVERS and HARRY CLARY is:

176. ii. JOAN EVERS[7] CLARY, b. Aug 10, 1933; d. May 20, 2007, Weirsdale, Marion County, Florida.

118. JAMES LEO[6] EVERS *(JAMES OLIVER[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born May 07, 1903 in Grand Chain, Pulaski County, Illinois[1230], and died Feb 15, 1949 in Rector, Clay County, Arkansas. He married BLANCHE MAE BLASDEL Nov 08, 1924 in Mound City, Pulaski County, Illinois, daughter of WILLIAM BLASDEL and CLARA LOUTHAN. She was born Sep 13, 1907 in Grand Chain, Pulaski County, Illinois, and died Jan 15, 2001 in Rector, Clay County, Arkansas[1231].

Notes for JAMES LEO EVERS:
Leo died in Rector, Arkansas a few months after the birth of his 4th son, Larry Jo, from a cardiovascular accident.
Name 2: Leo J Evers[1232]
Cause of Death: Cardiovascular accident.
Census 1: 1910, Grand Chain, Pulaski County, Illinois[1233]
Census 2: 1920, Karnak, Pulaski County, Illinois[1234]
SSN issued: Arkansas[1235]

More About BLANCHE MAE BLASDEL:
SSN issued: Arkansas[1235]

Marriage Notes for JAMES EVERS and BLANCHE BLASDEL:
Marriage Record #3 1923-1936 Pulaski County, Illinois. This was the 1st marriage for the couple and they were married by Roy N. Kean, Minister. Leo's occupation at time of marriage was a lineman. At the time of the marriage, Leo was residing in Centralia, Illinois and Blanche in Grand Chain, Illinois.

Children of JAMES EVERS and BLANCHE BLASDEL are:

i. HOMER RUSSELL[7] EVERS, b. Sep 06, 1925, Pulaski County, Illinois[1236]; d. Sep 02, 1993, Valley Village, Los Angeles, California; m. ELIZABETH ROSS[1237], Feb 14, 1971, Las Vegas, Nevada[1237].

Notes for HOMER RUSSELL EVERS:
Death Obit - The Commercial Appeal, Memphis, Tennessee, September 18, 1993
Homer R. "Russ" Evers, 67, of Los Angeles, formerly of Rector, Ark., Grand Chain, Illinois, and Memphis, retired employee of Santa Fe Railroad, died Sept. 2. Memorial services will be at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Mitchell Funeral home of Rector with graveside services at Woodland Heights Cemetery there. He was a World War II veteran who attained the rank of sergeant. He was a graduate of Memphis School of Commerce and a lead singer with the Jack Stalkup band. Mr. Evers, the widower of Bette Evers, leaves his mother, Blanche Evers of Rector, two sisters, Helen Bunch of Memphis and Virginia Smith of St. Charles, Mo., and two brothers, Jim Evers of Seattle and Larry Evers of Rector.
Military: Mar 07, 1945, Camp Joseph T Robinson Little Rock, Arkansas[1238]
Occupation: 1945, Geographer according to WWII draft records
Residence 1: 1971,California[1239] per his marriage application
Residence 2: 1945,Clay, Arkansas[1240] per his Army enlistment papers
Social Security Number: Issued in Indiana[1241,1242]

More About ELIZABETH ROSS:
Residence: 1971, California[1243] per her marriage application.

ii. HELLEN EVERS, b. Feb 1928, Clay County, Arkansas; m. GERCHI BUNCH.
Census: 1930, Oak Bluff, Clay, Arkansas[1244]
Residence 2: 2001, Memphis, Tennessee

iii. JAMES ROBERT EVERS, b. 1931, Clay County, Arkansas.

iv. VIRGINIA EVERS, b. 1934, Rector, Clay County, Arkansas.

v. LARRY JO EVERS, b. 1948, Rector, Clay County, Arkansas.

119. CLARA HESTER[6] EVERS *(JAMES OLIVER[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Mar 25, 1905 in Pulaski County, Illinois[1245], and died 1995 in Anna, Union County, Illinois. She married WALTER LESTER CARAKER[1246] Apr 05, 1925 in Marion County, Illinois, son of JOHN CARAKER and VIRGINIA HINES. He was born Sep 05, 1896 in Illinois[1246], and died Jan 28, 1960 in Williamson County, Illinois.

Notes for CLARA HESTER EVERS:
Clara was known by her family as the one with a twinkle in her eye and as quick witty conversationalist with faultless memory. She, like her other sisters, was a devoted daughter. She spent a few years as the primary care giver for her failing mother. She was a proud mother and grandmother, frequently traveling to northern Illinois from Anna for visits with her daughters and grandchildren and would stop by Centralia on the way home to see family. She married Floyd McIntire about 1965-1967. They resided in Anna, Illinois until their deaths.

More About CLARA HESTER EVERS:
Burial: 1995, Anna City Cemetery, Union County, Illinois
Census 1: 1910, Grand Chain, Pulaski County, Illinois[1247]
Census 2: 1930, Mounds, Pulaski County, Illinois[1248,1249]

More About WALTER LESTER CARAKER:
Burial: Aft. Jan 28, 1960, Anna City Cemetery, Union County, Illinois
Census: 1930, Mounds, Pulaski County, Illinois[1250,1251]

Children of CLARA EVERS and WALTER CARAKER are:

i. VIRGINIA L[7] CARAKER[1252], b. 1927, Illinois[1252].
Census: 1930, Mounds, Pulaski County, Illinois[1252]

177. ii. SUE CAROLYN CARAKER, b. Sep 23, 1934, Illinois; d. May 28, 1980.

120. ORPHA ELIZA[6] EVERS *(JAMES OLIVER[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Feb 12, 1909 in Grand Chain, Pulaski County, Illinois[1253], and died Feb 12, 2001 in Centralia, Illinois. She married HUBERT PUMPHREY[1254] May 13, 1930 in Nashville, Illinois. He was

born Jun 08, 1896 in Illinois, and died Dec 25, 1966 in Centralia, Marion County, Illinois[1255].

Notes for ORPHA ELIZA EVERS:
Death Obit Orpha Pumphrey, Centralia Sentinel, Wednesday, February 14, 2001
Orpha Evers Pumphrey, 92, of Centralia died at 08:55 a.m. Monday, February 12th at Fireside Nursing Home in Centralia. She was born February 12, 1909, in Pulaski County, daughter of James Oliver and Lucy (Miller) Evers. She married Hobart "Tobie" Pumphrey on May 13, 1930, in Nashville and he preceded her in death on December 25, 1966.
She is survived by three step-grandchildren: Helen Svob of Tucson, Arizona, Dorothy Ballard of Los Cruces, N.M., and Mary Alice Pena of Wilcod, Arizona; seven great-grandchildren; four step-great-great grandchildren; a step daughter-in-law, Virginia Pumphrey of Tucson, Arizona, a sister-in-law, Ruth Evers of West Chester, Ohio; four nephews, James Evers of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Jimmie Evers of Woodenville, Washington, Larry Evers of Rector, Arkansas and Scott Evers of Margaret, Florida; nine nieces, Barbara Evers Loughman and Nancy Evers, both of West Chester, Ohio, Mildred Caldwell of Riverton, Illinois, Joan Crisman of Thorton, Illinois, Virginia Banczak of Ocala, Florida, Margareth South of Ft.Meyers, Florida, Ramona Creech of Henderson, Nevada, Shirley Stroup of Keifer, Oklahoma, Virginia Smith of Rector, Arkansas and Helen Buch of Memphis, Tennessee; and special friends Leona Koelling Jonas of Centralia and Iris Montgomery of DuQuion, Illinois. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents; a step-son, W. Howard Pumphrey: five brothers, Jimmie Evers, Virgil Evers, Russell Evers, Leo Evers and Johnny Evers; and three sisters, Flossie McIntire, Clara McIntire and Flora Clary. Mrs. Pumphrey, a resident of Centralia most of her life, was an operator for Illinois Bell Telephone Co. In later years, she did home nursing care. She was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, where she held offices, including treasurer for 25 years.
Services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Pacey Funeral Home in Centralia with the Rev. Earl Simmons officiating. Interment will be at the Hillcrest Memorial Park. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until the service on Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice and will be received at the funeral home.
Burial: Feb 15, 2001, Hillcrest Memorial Park, Marion County, Illinois

Census: 1910, Grand Chain, Pulaski County, Illinois[1256]
SSN issued: Illinois[1257]

More About HUBERT PUMPHREY:
Name 2: Hobart Pumphrey[1258]
Census: 1930, Centralia, Marion County, Illinois[1258]
SSN issued: Illinois[1259]

Child of ORPHA EVERS and HUBERT PUMPHREY is:

i. W. HOWARD[7] PUMPHREY, b. Abt. 1918, Illinois.
Howard is from a previous marriage of Hubert's

121. JIMMIE[6] EVERS *(JAMES OLIVER[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Nov 14, 1910 in Pulaski County, Illinois, and died Sep 24, 1983 in Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio[1260]. He married RUTH EILEEN HOYER Jul 05, 1937 in Stewardson, Shelby County, Illinois, daughter of WILLIAM HOYER and NELLIE ELLIOTT. She was born Aug 10, 1919 in Stewardson, Shelby County, Illinois, and died Oct 02, 2008 in West Chester, Ohio.

Notes for JIMMIE EVERS:
Jimmie was a natural, dedicated athlete who made a career as an educator, coach (football, basketball and track), and Athletic Director. He began his professional career in Stewardson and Warrensburg, Illinois. For a short period of time, he served as a guard in the Federal Penitentiary, Chillicothe, Ohio and then returned to teaching and coaching (football and basketball) in Greenfield, Illinois. In 1942 he was recruited to his hometown of Centralia, Illinois to teach (physical education and history) and coach track, football and basketball at Centralia Township High School. He and Ruth had three daughters Patricia Eileen, Barbara Ellen and Nancy Ann. He retired from active coaching after a series of cardiovascular incidents but assumed a role as Athletic Director of Kaskaskia College for a few years before relocating in retirement with his wife, Ruth, to Richland, Michigan in 1981. He resided there with his daughter Barbara and her husband, Terry, and sons until his death, September 24, 1983.

Death Obit - Jimmie Evers - Centralia Sentinel, Saturday, September 25, 1983
Jimmie J. Evers, 72, of Richland, Michigan, former Centralia High School teacher, coach and athletic director, died yesterday morning while visiting his daughter in Cincinnati, Ohio. Born in Pulaski County, Mr. Evers was the son of James Oliver and Lucy (Miller) Evers. On July 5, 1937, at Stewardson (Shelby County, Illinois) he married Ruth Eileen Hoyer, who survives. Mr. Evers joined the Centralia High School staff in 1942 and retired in 1969. He was a member of the First United Presbyterian Church in Centralia, as was affiliated with several Centralia organizations before moving to Richland, Michigan, in 1981. Surviving in addition to his wife, are two daughters, Dr. Barbara Loughman of Richland, Michigan, and Dr. Nancy A. Evers of Cincinnati, Ohio; four sisters, Orpha Pumphrey of Centralia, Flossie McIntire of Grand Chain, Clara Caraker McIntire of Anna and Flora Clary of Harvey; and five grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the First United Presbyterian Church with Rev. Edwin Evans officiating. Burial will be at Hillcrest Memorial Park. Friends may call at the Luer Funeral Home from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. tomorrow and until 11 a.m. Tuesday, then at the church until the services. Memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church, the American Heart Fund or Alzheimer Disease Association and will be received at the funeral home.

Sunday, September 25, 1983; Centralia Sentinel - J. Evers, CHS Sports Legend, Dies in Ohio
Centralia Hall of Fame coaching, legend Jimmie Evers died suddenly yesterday at Good Samaritan Hospital in Centralia, Ohio, while visiting his daughter. Evers was a resident of Richland, Michigan, where he moved after leaving Centralia in 1981.
Evers was one of the most successful coaches in Centralia's history in three different sports - track, football and basketball. Evers is the man who took over for the nationally known Arthur Trout after Trout suffered a stroke during the 1950-51 season. Evers served as Trout's assistant coach and was a former player under Trout at Centralia. Trout coached basketball from 1915 and football from 1925 until he was stricken by the illness. Evers made a name for himself at the Centralia helm after he got the chance to coach the Orphans when Trout retired. He was known mostly for his coaching on the gridiron but gained respect and recognition for the exploits of both his Orphans track and basketball squads.

Evers did exceptionally well replacing Trout although it was hard to take over from a 37-year legend. He coach the varsity basketball team from 1951 through 1959, and had a 184-75 winning 71% of his games during those years. That's respectable by any standards at any level.
The football and track field in Centralia is called the "Evers Field" as Jimmie had been a coach there.
Honor 1: 1931, Student Athlete with Jacksonville College
Honor 2: 1978, Illinois Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame
Honor 3: 1978, Illinois High School Football of Coaches Hall of Fame
Honor 4: 1981, Charter Selectee Centralia Sports Hall of Fame

Notes for RUTH EILEEN HOYER:
Ruth was born in Stewardson, Shelby County, Illinois on August 10, 1919. She was the daughter of William Jacob Hoyer (b. Mar 18,1889, d. Aug 11, 1953) and Nella A. Elliott Hoyer (b. Dec 14, 1896, Big Neck, Ill. m. Nov 12, 1916, d. May 13, 1962). She had four brothers and sisters. She lived in Stewardson until her marriage to Jimmie J. Evers, a teacher in Stewardson, on July 5, 1937. She was a homemaker and devoted wife and mother. She distinguished herself with her community and family, giving total commitment of time and her person to the welfare of her well-known husband as he withdrew from public life because of failing health. She resided with her daughters, Barbara Evers Loughman and Nancy Ann Evers until her death.

Obituary - Cincinnati.com October 3, 2008
Evers, Ruth Eileen Hoyer, 89, of West Chester, Ohio passed away at 8:00 A.M. Thursday October 2nd at her home in West Chester. She was born August 10, 1919 in Stewardson, IL, the daughter of William Jacob & Nella Elliott Hoyer. She married Jimmie Evers July 5, 1937 and he preceded her in death in 1983. Mrs. Evers is survived by her two daughters: Dr. Barbara Evers Loughman and Dr. Nancy Ann Evers both of West Chester; by one sister: A. Joy Thomas of Frankfort, IN; by 5 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren; 1 great great grandchild, and one dear friend with whom she shared her home; Ms. Pamela Fulks. Funeral services for Ruth Evers will be held at 11:00 A.M. Monday October 6, 2008 at the Lakeside Chapel of Hillcrest Funeral Home in Centralia, IL with the Reverend Ed Evans officiating. Friends may call from 10:00 A.M. until

the service hour. Burial will follow at the Hillcrest Memorial Park. For those who wish memorials may be made to the First United Presbyterian Church of Centralia or to the Hospice of Cincinnati and will be received at the funeral home. Burial: Oct 06, 2008, Hillcrest Memorial Park, Centralia, Illinois

Children of JIMMIE EVERS and RUTH HOYER are:

178. i. PATRICIA EILEEN[7] EVERS, b. Feb 26, 1938, Decatur, Macon County, Illinois; d. Aug 30, 1981, St. Louis, Missouri.

179. ii. BARBARA ELLEN EVERS, b. Oct 26, 1940, Frankfort, Indiana.

iii. NANCY ANN EVERS, b. Oct 08, 1946, Centralia, Marion County, Illinois. Nancy graduated from Centralia Township High School in 1964. In 1968, she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from Illinois State University in Normal, Ill. She was an elementary school teach in Janesville, Wis. 1968-1971. While working at the Wisconsin Research and Development Center for Cognitive Learning, she earned a Master's of Science degree in Curriculum and Instruction in 1972 and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Education Administration in 1974 from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. After completing her graduate studies, she directed a national staff development project at the Wisconsin R&D Center. In 1976, she accepted a faculty position in Educational Administration at the University of Cincinnati, Ohio. She became a full Professor of Educational Leadership and Urban Educational Leadership. Her research interests are in the areas of educational leadership, change, women in educational leadership, and interpersonal relationships. She has published books, book chapters, reviews, journal articles and training materials. In addition to her publications, she has made numerous presentations at international, national, regional and local conferences At the University of Cincinnati, she has served as Dean of the College of Education, Head of the Department of Educational Leadership and Program Coordinator of Educational Administration and she has provided national leadership through serving as President of the University Council for Educational Administration, Chairperson of the National Commission on Women in Educational Leadership, and a member of the National Policy Board in Educational Administration. Among her honors, she is the recipient of the prestigious University of Cincinnati Barbour Award and the Outstanding Faculty Award, and she was an invited participant at the Oxford Round Table held at the University of Oxford, Oxford, England. She led the creation of the Urban Educational Leadership doctoral program at the University of Cincinnati and has taught many graduate courses, including "A Study of Change and Change Techniques." Her beloved students practice educational leadership around the world. She currently lives in West Chester, Ohio.

122. VIRGIL DAVID[6] EVERS *(JAMES OLIVER[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Dec 03, 1912 in Illinois, and

died Oct 22, 1979 in Tulsa, Tulsa County, Oklahoma[1261]. He married MILLIE ANN (FARRIS) TIBBS. She was born Jan 30, 1919 in Oklahoma[1261], and died Jul 16, 1997 in Tulsa, Tulsa County, Oklahoma[1261].

Notes for VIRGIL DAVID EVERS:
Virgil Evers was 10 years old when the James Oliver & Lucy Evers family moved to Centralia, Illinois. He attended public schools in Centralia. Virgil Evers and his family spent several years in the Chicago area (South Holland) where he worked at one time with his Uncle Hubert H. Evers as an installer of tile. He returned to Centralia in the early 1950's where he was an owner/operator of a neighborhood grocery store. Virgil and his family moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he worked for American Airlines for several years. Virgil and Millie Evers had three children Shirley Ann, Scott David and Jimmie.

Death Obit, Tulsa Tribune, October 23, 1979
Evers, Virgil David, 66, 6302 N. Garrison, (Tulsa, OK) passed away Monday. Survived by: wife, Millie; 1 daughter, Shirley Stroup, Tulsa, 2 sons, Scott D. & James Roy, both of Margate, FL; 4 grandchildren; 1 brother, 4 sisters. Service 2 pm Wednesday, Turley Methodist Church, internment, Memorial Park Cemetery. Moore's Eastlawn Chapel 622-1155.

Tulsa Tribune, October 22, 1979, Deaths
Evers, Virgil D., 66, of 6302 N. Garrison Ave., electroplater for American Airlines, Monday (Moore's Eastlawn)

More About VIRGIL DAVID EVERS:
Burial: Oct 24, 1979, Memorial Park Cemetery, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Census 1: 1920, Karnak, Pulaski County, Illinois[1262]
Census 2: 1930, Centralia, Marion County, Illinois[1263]
Social Security Number: Bef. 1951, Issued in Illinois last residence Tulsa, Oklahoma[1264,1265]

Notes for MILLIE ANN (FARRIS) TIBBS:
Death Notice - Tulsa World, July 19, 1997 Sunday
Owasso - Millie Ann Evers, 78, homemaker, died Wednesday. Services 11 am Monday. Moore's Southlawn Funeral Chapel.

Burial: Jul 21, 1997, Memorial Cemetery, Tulsa, Oklahoma
SSN issued: Oklahoma[1265]

Children of VIRGIL EVERS and MILLIE TIBBS are:

i. SHIRLEY ANN[7] EVERS, b. Apr 28, 1944; m. (1) /BUTLER; m. (2) /STROUP.
Shirley has several children and has lived in the Tulsa, Oklahoma area for all of her adult life. She currently (2007) resides in Kiefer, Oklahoma.

ii. SCOTT DAVID EVERS, b. Nov 03, 1946; m. CHERYL; b. Abt. 1951.
Scott and his wife (Cheryl) are teachers and taught in Florida for many years. They have twin son. They are retired and currently (2007) live in Valparaiso, Indiana.

iii. JIMMIE EVERS.

123. RAYMOND RUSSELL[6] EVERS *(JAMES OLIVER[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Sep 09, 1917 in Illinois, and died May 24, 1967 in San Antonio, Texas. He married (1) JOSEPHINE Bef. 1945. He married (2) NAOMI DELPHINE (METZGER) WARD Bef. 1954. She was born Jul 26, 1914[1265], and died Mar 22, 2003 in San Antonio, Bexar, Texas[1265].

Notes for RAYMOND RUSSELL EVERS:
Russell was born in Pulaski County, Illinois and moved to Centralia, Illinois when his parents James Oliver and Lucy Evers moved to Centralia, Illinois in 1923. He graduated from Centralia Public Schools and attended and graduated from the University of Illinois. Russell, as he is known to his family, and Josephine, his first wife, had two children Ray and Ramona. Ray died as an infant in Colorado. Russell served his country with a distinguished military career in the Army Air Force. During World War II he was a bomber pilot in the European Theater. He was an early proponent of the use of the helicopter to support army ground troops. He was a helicopter pilot and served in Korea and in Vietnam. On his return from Vietnam, he was stationed at Ft. Rucker where helicopter pilot training was his specialty. He married Naomi Delphine (Metzger) Ward. She was born June 26, 1914 and died March 22, 2003 in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas. They had a son, John "Johnny" Russell Evers, born December 26, 1955. Russell died in 1967 after a courageous battle with brain cancer.
Burial: May 31, 1967, Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio Texas
Section 2B, Site 3096

Military service 1: Served in WWII, Korea and Vietnam
Military service 2: Bet. Nov 30, 1946 - Nov 29, 1966, Last rank was Colonel in US Army

More About NAOMI DELPHINE (METZGER) WARD:
Burial: Mar 28, 2003
SSN issued: California[1265]

Children of RAYMOND EVERS and JOSEPHINE are:

i. RAY[7] EVERS, b. Bef. 1955; d. Bef. 1955, Colorado.
Died in Colorado as an infant.
ii. RAMONA EVERS, b. 1945; m. (1) // BRYANT; m. (2) // CREECH.

Child of RAYMOND EVERS and NAOMI WARD is:

iii. JOHN RUSSELL[7] EVERS, b. Dec 26, 1955, Bexar County, Texas.

124. EVELYN MARIE[6] EVERS *(LUTHER LAFAYETTE[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Aug 23, 1906 in Massac County, Illinois[1266], and died Nov 21, 1929 in Rd. District #6, Massac County, Illinois. She married JOHN HENRY MEYER Apr 30, 1925[1267], son of WILLIAM MEYER and ANNA MESCHER. He died Aft. 1966.

Notes for EVELYN MARIE EVERS:
Death Obit - Mrs. J.H. Meyer Passes Away
Evelyn Marie Evers, daughter of Luther L. and Ethel Bayless Evers, was born at Hillerman in Massac County on August 23rd, 1906. She professed religion when but a child and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church. Being left motherless at fifteen years of age, she mothered her six younger brothers and sisters well. On April 29, 1925, she was married to John H. Meyer at Metropolis. To this union were born two sons, Robert James who precedes her in death, and George Louis, now fourteen months old. She leaves to mourn her departure, her beloved husband, John H. Meyer and son George Louis, her father, Luther L. Evers, her brothers Paul, Rolland, Trevelyn and Joe and sisters, Mary Francis, Stelsa, Vivienne, Helen and Harriett, and a host of friends for everyone who knew Evelyn was her friend.

If we feel that there is one less tie on earth, there is one more binding us to heaven. Burial was at Liberty Ridge Cemetery.
Burial: Nov 23, 1929, Liberty Ridge Cemetery, Massac County, Illinois[1268]
Cause of Death: Acute Endocarditis
Census: Apr 29, 1910, Hillerman, Massac County, Illinois
Medical Information: Death Certificate #0640174 Filed 11-23-1929[1269]

Children of EVELYN EVERS and JOHN MEYER are:

i. ROBERT JAMES[7] MEYER, b. Aug 10, 1926, Massac County, Illinois; d. Mar 02, 1927, Rd. District #6, Massac County, Illinois[1270].
Name 2: Bobby Jim
Burial: Liberty Ridge Cemetery, Massac County, Illinois
ii. GEORGE LOUIS MEYER, b. Abt. 1929, Massac County, Illinois; d. Jan 2009.
Military service: Korean War

125. JAMES PAUL[6] EVERS *(LUTHER LAFAYETTE[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Jan 06, 1908 in Massac County, Illinois, and died Nov 26, 2007 in Bradenton, Florida. He married (1) FLORENCE JEANETTE KENNEDY Oct 05, 1930, daughter of CHARLES KENNEDY and ELLEN GARRETT. She was born Apr 15, 1912 in Illinois, and died Jul 21, 1979 in Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois[1271]. Paul later married (2) EVELYN FUQUA after Florence's death, and that marriage later ended in divorce.

Notes for JAMES PAUL EVERS:

James Paul Evers was born January 6, 1908 near Hillerman, Illinois, to Luther LaFayette and Ethel Bayless Evers. Paul's twin, Inez Pauline, did not survive. Paul's mother had nine children before passing away in 1922, and his stepmother Nell helped raise him and his brothers and sisters, including three more children Luther had with her.

As a young man he drove his father, Luther, who was Superintendent of Schools, over the entire local area where he learned many details and much of the history and romance of Massac County. Throughout the years, those who loved hearing his stories have sought Paul out many times for his knowledge and appreciation of history.

Paul went to the University of Illinois after graduating from high school at

Metropolis in 1927. He married Jeanette Florence Kennedy on October 5, 1930, and they had four children; Georgia Ann, Charles, Janice and Byron.

Paul's love of the water led him to work to the Great Lakes and oceans. He worked his way as an engineer from tugboats to freighters, tankers and troop transports ships. After going to sea in 1963, he made many trips to Germany and India. He was on the last ship through the Suez Canal before the 1967 Gulf War. He learned many things while sailing around the world 17 times. Seeing many beautiful, historic and yes sometimes sad things, he always loved "home" in Metropolis best of all.

In July of 1997, Paul was honored on his 89 1/2 birthday with a reunion of all family and friends followed by a picnic appropriately held on the banks of the Ohio River. More than a hundred family and friends from all over the Americas attended. It was a "special time" and for some of them it was their last time to be together.

There were many "close calls" that nearly called him home to be with the Lord earlier, but thru God's Grace and Paul's lifelong skills of survival we were blessed to enjoy being with him for over 99 years. We are grateful and blessed to have him in our lives, and to help us preparing a book on the Evers family in history.

Due to his health, Paul's later years were being spent living in Bradenton, Florida on the banks of the Manatee River where he enjoyed going for walks, reading and seeing his family and friends. He was a man who was very much loved and treasured. He had been a life-long member of the First Methodist Church of Metropolis, and loved being a brother in Christ and supporting other faiths as well.

Name 2: Paul Evers
Census 1: Apr 02, 1910, Hillerman, Massac County, Illinois[1272]
Census 2: Jan 13, 1920, Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois
Census 3: Apr 05, 1930, Grant Precinct, Massac County, Illinois

Notes for FLORENCE JEANETTE KENNEDY:
First and always a homemaker yet she found time to develop her many talents. During WWII, she served her country by working at the Thomas A. Edison in Cairo as a finish grinder manufacturing detonators, the explosive device used in torpedoes. After the war, she worked as a supervisor for the Normandy Frock

Company, a manufacturer of ladies wear. Florence was self-taught designer, specializing in home interior renovation, furniture restoration and upholstery; as well as fashion design. Her little girl fashions were sold at Marshall Fields. Florence had a great love of history and she lived long enough to see her lifetime dreams fulfilled. She had worked tirelessly seeking support, funds, and labor to restore the Eli Curtis Civil War era home to its original glory. It is now home for the Massac County Historical Society, for which she served as Vice President, and was responsible for restoring the Kennedy Cemetery northeast of Metropolis. She was equally dedicated to the Rebeccah Lodge and took her service as Noble Grand as a great honor.
Burial: Jul 23, 1979, Masonic Cemetery, Metropolis, Illinois[1273]
Cause of Death: Cardiorespiratory Failure- Immediate; Bronchopneumia, Bilateral-few days
Census: Apr 03, 1930, Grant Precinct, Massac County, Illinois
Medical Information: Carcinomatosis-6 months. Informant-Paul Evers
Occupation: Homemaker, self taught interior designer and antique restorer.
Social Security Number: Bef. 1951, Issued in Illinois[1274]

Children of JAMES PAUL EVERS and FLORENCE KENNEDY are:

180. i. GEORGIA ANN[7] EVERS, b. Mar 22, 1934, Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois.

ii. CHARLES LAFAYETTE EVERS, b. Dec 06, 1940, Cairo, Alexander County, Illinois; d. Jun 11, 1944, Cairo, Alexander County, Illinois.
Born December 6, 1940 in Cairo, Illinois and died on June 13, 1944. In 2006 at the age of 98, his father James Paul lamented on the loss of their son, "You never get over losing your child."
Burial: Jun 13, 1944, Miller Cemetery, Massac County, Illinois. His remains were later moved to the family plot next to his mother's grave at the Masonic Cemetery.
Cause of Death: Peritonitis for 1 week due to ruptured appendix for two weeks[1275]

181. iii. JANICE KAY EVERS, b. Jul 08, 1946, Cairo, Alexander County, Illinois.

182. iv. BYRON LYNN EVERS, b. Jan 22, 1948, Cairo, Alexander County, Illinois.

126. MARY FRANCES[6] EVERS *(LUTHER LAFAYETTE[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Feb 11, 1909 in Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois[1276], and died Apr 23, 1983 in Massac Memorial Hospital, Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois[1277]. She married CALVIN SHELTON Dec 31, 1931 in Vienna, Johnson County, Illinois[1278], son of FRED SHELTON and MARY BONIFIELD. He was born Jan 16, 1903 in Metropolis,

Massac County, Illinois[1279], and died Nov 25, 1966 in St Mt. Mission Rd, Massac County, Illinois[1280].

Notes for MARY FRANCES EVERS:
Mary Frances Evers came into this world on February 11, 1909 daughter of Luther L. and Mary Ethel Bayless Evers. Graduating from Murray College in 1929, she began her teaching career. After 35 years of dedicated teaching, she retired and turned her interest to collecting and restoring antiques from the early 1900's. She also became known for her knowledge and interest in antique fruit jars. Frances married Calvin Shelton on New Year's Eve in 1931. Calvin was the son of Fred Douglas and Mary Lou Bonifield Shelton. Frances and Calvin set up housekeeping in the Shelton homeplace located on the Old Jonesboro Road. On a snowy Thanksgiving night in 1935, Frances gave birth to a daughter, Mary Jim. Mary Jim married G.H. "Bud" Parker in 1953. Bud was the son of H.B. and Della Parker Sr. Bud and Mary Jim also made their home in Massac County and increased the county's population by two, Lynn Ann and Stuart Wade. Lynn married John W. Hess in 1977. John is the son of Way and Edna Lowrance Hess. John and Lynn have two sons, Eric Michael and Blake Parker Hess. Wade married Alicia Futrell in 1985, daughter of Buck and Shirley Futrell from Marshall County, Kentucky.
Burial: Apr 26, 1983, Liberty Ridge Cemetery, Massac County, Illinois[1281,1282]
Cause of Death: Acute Pulmonary Edema 1 hour, Myocardial Ischaemia and Congestive Heart Failure[1282]
Graduation: 1929, Murray College, Kentucky[1283]
Hobby: Collecting & restoring antiques from early 1900's[1283]
Medical Information: Informant was Mary Jim Parker (daughter)
Occupation: 1929, Teaching for 35 years[1283]

More About CALVIN SHELTON:
Burial: Nov 27, 1966, Liberty Ridge Cemetery, Massac County, Illinois[1284,1285]
Cause of Death: Acute Thrombosis 15 min, Chronic Arteriosclerotic Heart Disease 2 yrs[1286]
Medical Information: Chronic Bronchitis with Bronchieatasis 10 years[1286]
Occupation: Carpenter

Marriage Notes for MARY EVERS and CALVIN SHELTON:
This was the first marriage for the couple and both were residing in Metropolis at the time of their marriage. Their witnesses were Maggie Simpson Hill and May C Jackson and they were married by Sam L. Copeland, Police Magistrate. Calvin's occupation at the time of the marriage was farming.

Child of MARY EVERS and CALVIN SHELTON is:
183. i. MARY JIM[7] SHELTON, b. Nov 28, 1935, Massac County, Illinois.

127. ROLLAND[6] EVERS *(LUTHER LAFAYETTE[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Jun 07, 1911 in Massac County, Illinois, and died Feb 15, 2002 in Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois. He married MARIAM MILDRED WALTERS Apr 23, 1933 in Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois, daughter of CLARENCE WALTERS and NELLIE PHELPS. She was born Sep 07, 1915 in Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois, and died Apr 04, 2002 in Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois[1286].

Notes for ROLLAND EVERS:
Death Obit of Rolland Evers (The Metropolis Planet, February 20, 2002)
Rolland Evers, 90, of Metropolis, died Friday, February 15, 2002 at Tender Loving Care Center in Metropolis. Mr. Evers was a member of Christian Church in Metropolis, where he served as an elder and Sunday school teacher. Survivors include his wife, Mariam; two daughters, Sue Summer and husband Ronnie and Ann Eichorn and husband, all of Metropolis; one son, Daniel Evers of Avon Park, Florida; five grandchildren, Evelyn Worden of Glendale, AZ, Elizabeth Hooker of Paducah, Elaine Snyder of Elburn, Pat Dresser of Metropolis and Cindy Cobb of Avon Park, Florida; eight great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild; one sister, Vivienne Schulkins of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; one brother, Paul Evers of Metropolis, one half brother, Joe Evers of Jacksonville, and one half sister, Harriett Weaver of Paraguay. He was preceded in death by his parents, Luther L. and Ethel Mary Bayless Evers, five sisters, one brother and one half brother. Funeral service was Monday at Aikens Farmer Funeral Home of Metropolis with Rev. Mike Duncan officiating. Burial followed in Metropolis Memorial Gardens. Pallbearers were Bill Cartwright, Joe Cunningham, Henry Foss, Fred Rehlmeyer, Wayne Glass and Carl Horntrop. Honorary pallbearers were Don McQueen, Joe

Paul Shelton, Bob Elliott and Bob Wiseman.
Name 2: Daniel Albert Rolland Evers
Burial: Feb 18, 2002, Memorial Garden, Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois[1286]
Cause of Death: End Stage COPD; CHF[1286]
Funeral: Feb 18, 2002, Aikens-Farmer Funeral Home, Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois[1286]
Occupation 1: 1940, Truck Driver[1287]
Occupation 2: 1937, Coal Dealer[1287]

Notes for MARIAM MILDRED WALTERS:
Death Obit Metropolis Daily Planet
Mariam Evers, 86, of Metropolis, died Thursday, April 4, 2002 at Tender Loving Care Center in Metropolis. Mrs. Evers was a member of First Christian Church in Metropolis and worked at Mittendorf's Food Center in Metropolis for many years. Survivors include two daughters, Sue Summer and husband Ronnie and Ann Eichorn and husband Charles, all of Metropolis; one son, Daniel Evers of Avon Park, FL; five grandchildren, Evelyn Worden of Glendale, AZ, Elizabeth Hooker of Paducah, Elaine Snyder of Elburn, Pat Dresser of Metropolis and Cindy Cobb of Avon Park; eight great-grandchildren ; one great-great grandchild; two sisters, Anna Schwegman and Elizabeth Arrison, both of Metropolis; two brothers, James Walters Sr. and Phil Walters, both of Metropolis; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Rolland Evers, her parents, Clarence and Nellie Phelps Walters; and one brother, Clarence Walters. Funeral service was held Sunday at Aikins-Farmer Funeral Home in Metropolis with Rev. Mike Duncan officiating. Burial followed at Metropolis Memorial Gardens, Pallbearers were Leonard Adkins, Henry Foss, Bill Cartwright, Joe Cunningham, Mutt McDearmon and Jeff Cunningham.
Burial: Apr 07, 2002, Memorial Gardens, Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois[1288]
Cause of Death: Congestive Heart Failure - hours
Medical Information: Informant - Sue Summer (daughter)

Marriage Notes for ROLLAND EVERS and MARIAM WALTERS:
ROLLAND EVERSES CELEBRATED 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
--The Paducah Sun, Paducah, Kentucky-
Metropolis, IL--Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Evers of Metropolis celebrate their 50th

wedding anniversary April 24 with a reception. Hosted by their children, the event will be at First Christian Church from 2 to 4 pm. All friends and relatives are invited to attend. Mr. and Mrs.
Evers were married April 23, 1933 in Metropolis by her uncle, the late Dellie Dennis. Mrs. Evers, the former Mariam Walters is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Walters. Mr. Evers is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Luther L. Evers. The couple has three children; Dan Evers of Avon Park, Florida, Ann Dresser of DeKalb and Sue Yates of Metropolis. They have five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Children of ROLLAND EVERS and MARIAM WALTERS are:

184. i. CYNTHIA SUE[7] EVERS, b. May 12, 1937, Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois.
185. ii. ANN ELIZABETH EVERS, b. Apr 13, 1939, Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois.
186. iii. DANIEL ROLLAND EVERS, b. Jun 05, 1940, Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois.

128. STELSA ETHEL[6] EVERS *(LUTHER LAFAYETTE[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Jul 31, 1913 in Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois, and died May 29, 1994 in Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois. She married JOSEPH BRAY BRYANT Jul 15, 1938, son of GEORGE BRYANT and EDNA KELL. He was born Jul 04, 1912 in St. Louis, St. Louis County, Missouri, and died Dec 26, 1966 in Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois.

Notes for STELSA ETHEL EVERS:
Death Obit Metropolis Planet - Stelsa Bryant
Stelsa E. Bryant, 80, 1601 Market St., died Sunday, May 29, 1994 at her home. Mrs. Bryant was retired from Massac Memorial Hospital as a registered nurse. Surviving are one son, Joe B. Bryant and wife Virginia of Jacksonville; one daughter, Barbara Bryant of Metropolis; three grandchildren, Christopher Kell Bryant of Nashville, TN, Sherri J. Thompson of San Diego, California and Melissa K. Kunkle of Carlyle; four great-grandchildren; three brothers, Paul Evers and Rolland Evers, both of Metropolis and Dr. Joe Evers of Beverly, KY and two sisters, Vivienne Schulkin of Milwaukee, Wisconsin and Harriett Weaver of Paraguay, South America. She was preceded in death by her parents, Luther and Ethel Bayless Evers; her husband, Joe; one great-granddaughter, two brothers and four sisters. Funeral service was Wednesday afternoon at First United

Methodist Church where she was a member. Reverend Bob Smith and Dr. Joe Evers officiated, and Susan Ramage was the organist. Burial followed in Masonic Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers were Chris Bryant, Lynn Ann Hess, Jessica Moreno, Jane Ann Comeau, Dan Evers, and Kevin Evers. Miller Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.
Burial: Jun 01, 1994, Masonic Cemetery, Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois

Notes for JOSEPH BRAY BRYANT:
Death Obit - Joseph Bryant
Joseph Bryant born July 4th, 1912 in St. Louis, Missouri to George and Edna Kell Bryant and died Dec. 26, 1966 in Metropolis, at the age of 54 years, 5 months and 22 days. His father died when he was a small child and he was raised by Murdoch McGregor, his step-father. Mr. Bryant was raised in Joppa and graduated from the Joppa High School. Mr. Bryant was in the furniture business in Metropolis for many years and for several years and until the time of the Bonifield Gas Station. He was a member of the First Methodist Church; Masonic Lodge (Knight Templar), Elks Lodge No. 1428, long time member of the Metropolis Fire Department and a former member of the High School Board. He is survived by his wife, son daughter-in-law; Mrs. Virginia Schaffer Bryant; three grandchildren, Christopher, Sherri Jo and Melissa Kay Bryant; one sister, Mrs. James (Mary) Firoved of Key West, Florida, and other relatives and many friends. Music for the funeral services were furnished by Mrs. Jess Carter. Fred Bonifield, Don Rottman, Clyde Taylor, Harley Faughn, Joe Johnson and J.P. Artman served as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers included Dan Jones, Bill Owens, Gary Gurley, Joe Beck, Clarence Shifley, Wayne Glass, Darell Grace, Theodore Belt, Bill Tiner, Dr.V.O.Decker, Don Kommer, Frank Farmer, Herb Goyert, Jim Alexander, Roy Moorman, Kenneth Riepe, Albert Moller, Alvin Oakes and Bill Wedeking. Members of the Elks Lodge No. 1428 conducted graveside rites. Members of the lodge present at the funeral included Lannie Jerdon, Ervin Maess, Kenneth Adkins, Frank Guzzy, Eddie Mizell, Lucian Buchanan, Elmer Wagner, H.E. Rufli, Robert Foreman, John Sleeter, Jack Staulcup, Carl Brown, Hubert Durham, Gene Chicon, Chris Korte and George Main.

Rites Will Be Thursday For Joe Bryant, 54, Who Suffered Attack in Car
Metropolis Herald, December 26, 1966

Funeral services for Joe Bryant, 54, well-known Metropolis businessman who suffered a heart attack while driving his car in Metropolis Monday evening, will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday at the First Methodist Church.

The Rev. Roy Baugh will officiate at the services and burial will be in the Masonic Cemetery. Mr. Bryant was stricken about 6 p.m. while he was driving in the vicinity of Ninth and Filmore streets. The car went out of control and struck a tree. He was rushed by ambulance to Massac Memorial Hospital, where he was declared dead on arrival. Mr. Bryant, who was manager of Bonifield Bros.555 Service Station at Seventh and Ferry Streets, was taking Mrs. Ina Hirtzer, the bookkeeper for the station, to her residence at 513 East Seventh Street at the time of the accident. She was thrown against the windshield of the car but was not seriously injured.

Mr. Bryant was in the furniture business in Metropolis for a number of years, and for nearly 10 years he had been manager of the service station. He was a volunteer for the Metropolis Fire Department for many years, and he served for several years as a member of the Metropolis Community High School board of education. He also was a member of the Masonic Lodge and Knights Templar, the Elks Lodge and the First Methodist Church. Born July 4, 1912 at St. Louis, Mr. Bryant was the son of the late George and Edna Kell Bryant. His father died when Joe was a small child, and his mother later married Murdoch MacGregor. Reared at Joppa, Mr. Bryant was graduated from high school there. On July 15, 1938 he was married to Stelsa Evers of Metropolis. They have two children, Joe B. Bryant, editor of the newspaper at Bowling Green, Missouri, and Barbara Bryant of Metropolis. The family resides at 1601 Market Street.

Survivors in additions to his wife and children, include his daughter-in-law, Virginia Schaffer Bryant, and three grandchildren, Christopher, Sherri Jo and Melissa Kay Bryant, all of Bowling Green; a sister, Mrs. James (Mary) Fivored of Key West, Florida; and a cousin, Rev. Rob Kell of Martinville, Indiana. Atkins Funeral Home is in charge of funeral arrangements. Friends may call at the funeral home until 11 a.m. Thursday, when the body will be taken to the church. The family has indicated that in lieu of flowers, donations may be to the Massac Memorial Hospital Fund or to the Heart Fund.

Burial: Dec 29, 1966, Masonic Cemetery, Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois
Cause of Death: Acute Cardiac Arrest, Acute Coronary Thrombosis, laceration of liver w Internal Bleeding

Medical Information: Arterio-Sclerotic Heart Disease 2 years. One car accident following acute heart attack per Coroner's Certificate of Death
Occupation 1: Apr 19, 1939, Bookkeeper for Republic Creosoting Co, Joppa, Illinois
Occupation 2: Dec 26, 1969, Service Station Manager at time of death

Children of STELSA EVERS and JOSEPH BRYANT are:

187. i. JOSEPH BAYLESS[7] BRYANT, b. Apr 19, 1939, Joppa, Massac County, Illinois.
ii. BARBARA JEAN BRYANT, b. Mar 08, 1943.

129. HELEN ANN[6] EVERS *(LUTHER LAFAYETTE[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Sep 22, 1918 in Massac County, Illinois, and died Mar 21, 1971 in Hialeah, Dade County, Florida[1289]. She married (1) CARL FOSS Sep 06, 1936[1290]. She married (2) ACHILLES SAVOIA DE VITA[1291] 1946. He was born Oct 25, 1913 in Patterson, New Jersey, and died Nov 17, 1980 in Dade County, Florida.

Notes for HELEN ANN EVERS:
Cross & Crown Diploma - perfect attendance at church
Death Obit – Mrs. Helen De Vita - 23 March 1971, Miami Herald
Funeral services held in Florida. Mrs. Helen De Vita, 52, of Hialeah, Florida died March 21st after being ill for several months in the Hialeah Memorial Hospital. Mrs. De Vita is formerly of Metropolis. She was the daughter of Luther L. and Ethel Evers.
Services were held Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in Hialeah. Burial was in Southern Memorial Park. Mrs. De Vita is survived by her husband, Augie De Vita; one daughter, Vivi, three sons, Freddie De Vita, Jimmy De Vita, and Keith De Vita of Hialeah; two brothers Paul Evers and Rolland Evers of Metropolis; two half-brothers, L.T. Evers of Silver Springs, Florida and the Rev. Joe Evers of East Alton; three sisters, Mrs. Frances E. Shelton and Mrs. Stelsa Bryant of Metropolis and Mrs. Vivienne Deitch of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, one half-sister, Mrs. Harriett Weaver, Paraguay, South America; several nieces, nephew, relatives and friends.
Burial: Mar 24, 1971, Southern Memorial Park, North Miami, Florida

Notes for ACHILLES SAVOIA DE VITA:
Death Obit - 20 Nov 1980, Miami Herald

Mr. Achilles S, 67 of Hialeah passed away November 17, 1980. Survived by son, James, Alfred, & Keith De Vita; daughter Mrs. Vivi Garland; daughter-in-law, Mrs. Grace De Vita and 2 grandchildren. Graveside services 12:00 Noon Thursday (today) at Southern Memorial Park.
SSN issued: Bef. 1951, New Jersey

Children of HELEN EVERS and ACHILLES DE VITA are:

i. ANN[7] DEVITA, b. May 09, 1947, Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois; d. May 09, 1947, Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois.

ii. ALFRED SAVOIA DE VITA, b. Jun 25, 1948; d. Apr 14, 1995; m. ANDREA CORAL DRESSEE, Feb 22, 1975, Miami - Dade County, Florida[1292].
Fred & Andrea had no children. Fred died April 14, 1995 in Rockville, Maryland from cancer. Memorial services were held at the home of Ruth Silverman in Rockville, Maryland and his ashes were spread in Rock Creek Park, Washington, D.C. Fred was a brilliant artist and worked as a free lance artist as well as for the Shirt Explosion in Beltsville, Maryland, NBC and The Washington Post.
Cause of Death: Cancer

188. iii. VIVI FRANCES DE VITA, b. Nov 11, 1949.

189. iv. JAMES ALLEN DE VITA, b. Dec 06, 1956.

v. MARGARET ANN DE VITA, b. 1957; d. 1957, Hialeah, Florida.

vi. KEITH ANTHONY DE VITA, b. Aug 29, 1960; m. SHARON LEE (ALBRIGHT) STANWORTH, Aug 27, 1989, Lee County, Florida.
Keith raised his two stepsons (Christopher Wesley Stanworth born October 10, 1983 & Brett Lawrence Stanworth born June 30,1985)

130. LUTHER TREVELYN[6] EVERS *(LUTHER LAFAYETTE[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Jun 25, 1924 in Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois, and died Aug 24, 1988 in Marion County, Florida. He married (1) HELEN FRAEMHS Aug 11, 1948 in Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois, daughter of HERMAN FRAEMHS and IDA DUENSING and they were divorced on Jun 09, 1981 in Marion County, Florida Helen was born Jun 13, 1926 in Chester, Illinois, and died Apr 03, 1994 in Silver Springs, Marion County, Florida[1293]. He married (2) ANA OTAROLA BUCAREY Oct 03, 1981 in Marion County, Florida[1294] and they were divorced Dec 02, 1987 in Marion County, Florida.

Notes for LUTHER TREVELYN EVERS:
L.T.'s Honorable Discharge papers from the US Navy listed the following

ribbons/stars/medals that he received during WWII.
Asiatic Pacific Ribbon – eight stars, Philippine Liberation Ribbon – two stars, European African Middle Eastern Ribbon, American Theatre Ribbon and Victory Medal.
LT served on the USS Pursuit, USS Hornet and USS Wasp.
SSN issued: Bef. 1951, Illinois

Notes for HELEN FRAEMHS:
Death Obit - Ocala Star-Banner - April 8, 1994
Silver Springs - Helen Fraemhs Evers, 67, retired after 23 years as a waitress/ cashier at Fat Boys Bar-B-Q of Ocala, died April 3, 1994, at Marion House Health Care Center. A native of Chester, Ill., Mrs. Evers moved here in 1957. She was a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church ECLA. Survivors include her sons, Luther Evers, Ocala, and Paul Evers, Seffner; daughters Stelsa Carter and Justine "Tina" Evers, both of Ocala; sister, Evelyn Fisher, Campbell Hill, Illinois; brother, Robert Fraemhs, Chester, Illinois; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandson. Roberts Funeral Home, Ocala, is handling arrangements.

Marriage Notes for LUTHER EVERS and HELEN FRAEMHS:
This was the first marriage for Luther and 2nd for Helen, Luther was a student at the time of the marriage. The couple was married by Joseph C. Evers, M.E. Minister (his brother) and their witnesses were Frank Smith & Neva Carry.

Children of LUTHER EVERS and HELEN FRAEMHS are:
190. i. LUTHER ROBERT[7] EVERS, b. Feb 01, 1953.
191. ii. JUSTINE NELL EVERS, b. Aug 07, 1955.
192. iii. PAUL DAVID EVERS, b. Mar 15, 1959.
193. iv. STELSA EVELYN EVERS, b. Jun 1962.

131. JOSEPH CALVIN CARR[6] EVERS *(LUTHER LAFAYETTE[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Dec 17, 1926 in Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois. He married (1) ANNA LEE ARMSTRONG Aug 25, 1948 in Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois, daughter of LLOYD ARMSTRONG and BERTHA STEINKAMP. She was born Sep 13, 1926 in Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois, and died May 17, 2006 in Cape Girardeau, Cape Girardeau County, Missouri. He married (2) KAREN WAY SANNER Dec

21, 1979 in St. John's UMS Chapel, Edwardsville, Madison County, Illinois, daughter of JOE SANNER and MARJORY MCKENZIE. She was born Nov 04, 1939 in Hartford, Madison County, Illinois.

More About JOSEPH CALVIN CARR EVERS:
Joe plans to retire October 2009, completing 65 years of ministry.
Occupation: Methodist and Presbyterian Minister
Retirement: May 1990, Semi-retirement. Joe & Karen went to Red Bird Missionary in the Appalachian area of Kentucky.
More information about Rev. Joseph Evers is available in this book.

Notes for ANNA LEE ARMSTRONG:
Anna Lee died at her daughter's home in Cape Girardeau, Missouri where she had been living with her for several years.
Burial: May 19, 2006, Masonic Cemetery, Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois
Degree: Masters
Occupation: Elementary School Teacher
Retirement: from Vienna Grade School, Johnson County, Illinois

Marriage Notes for JOSEPH EVERS and ANNA ARMSTRONG:
Reference: Massac County Clerk Office. The couple was married by Otto Horsley, Minister and their witnesses were Luther T. Evers and Jean Martin.
Divorce: Jul 24, 1979, Massac County, Illinois

Children of JOSEPH EVERS and ANNA ARMSTRONG are:

i. INFANT MALE[7] EVERS, b. Dec 1951; d. Dec 1951.

194. ii. MARK HASTING EVERS, b. Sep 08, 1953, Malden, Middlesex County, Massachusetts.

iii. DAN WESLEY EVERS, b. Jul 04, 1956, Malden, Middlesex County, Mass.; m. BRIDGET ANN GREGG, Aug 06, 1983, Methodist Church, Harrisburg, Saline County, Illinois. They were divorced in 1993 in Mt. Vernon, Jefferson County, Illinois.
Dan is a member of the Mt. Vernon, Illinois Kiwanis and a past Illinois Kiwanis Lt. Governor.
Census 1: 1990, Mt. Vernon, Illinois
Census 2: 2000, Mt. Vernon, Illinois
Degree: 1981, Doctorate in Law
Hobby: 2004, Boating and Playing Bridge

Occupation: 1981 to present (2009), Lawyer for Illinois State Appellate Defenders

195. iv. JANE ANN EVERS, b. Mar 19, 1958, Illinois.

Children of JOSEPH EVERS and KAREN SANNER are:

196. v. KEVIN DEAN DRAPER[7] EVERS, b. Oct 11, 1966, Alton Memorial Hospital, Alton, Madison County, Illinois.

197. vi. KARMEN WAY DRAPER EVERS, b. Oct 23, 1969, St. Joseph's Hospital, Alton, Madison County, Illinois.

132. HARRIETT HESTER[6] EVERS *(LUTHER LAFAYETTE[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[1295.1296] was born Sep 25, 1928 in Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois, and died Feb 24, 2005 in San Diego, California[1297]. She married JESSE OSCAR WEAVER[1297] Apr 27, 1947 in Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois. He was born Aug 28, 1925 in Steele, Pemiscot County, Missouri, and died Sep 30, 1984 in Chiriguelo, Paraguay[1298.1298].

Notes for HARRIETT HESTER EVERS:
Harriett and Jesse Weaver moved to Paraguay, South America in January, 1960. In 1967, after staying a couple years in the United States for the children to learn or relearn English, the family made the trip from Steele, Missouri to Paraguay in a VW Bus. There were two adults, 6 children and a poodle named "Little John". They left Steele, MO on May 14th. The trip took them through southern United States, Mexico and Central America. They had to take a ship from Panama to Peru, because the Che Guevara and his revolutionaries were believed to be in Columbia; so no visa could be issued for US citizens to that country at that time. They continued through Peru, Bolivia and the Paraguay Chaco to arrive in Asuncion on August 15th, three months later. As told by Leni (Weaver) Fernandez

More About HARRIETT HESTER EVERS:
Date born: Sep 25, 1928[1299]
Census: 1930, Grant, Massac County, Illinois[1300]
SSN issued: Illinois[1301]

Notes for JESSE OSCAR WEAVER:
In the 1950's Jesse and Harriett owned for several years a restaurant named "J O's Place". Jesse later became the Postmaster in Steele, MO and also Co-owner and Co-Editor of the weekly newspaper "The Steele Enterprise". In 1957, the Weaver

family moved to Arizona, where Jesse received his Bachelor's in Foreign Trade at the American Institute for Foreign Trade. After finishing his degree, the family moved to Guanajuato, Mexico where Harriett and Jesse attended courses at the University of Guanajuato. In Paraguay Jesse managed coffee farms for several American and Canadian owners and then gradually bought out the land. As a coffee farmer, Jesse Weaver employed many hundreds of people. His fairness and respect for all persons made him become a much respected personality in the city of Pedro Juan Caballero and all of Paraguay. Later the family moved to Curitiba, Brazil where Jesse established a soluble coffee industrial plant. When regional changes in climate, due to extensive deforestation made coffee no longer profitable, the Weavers began farming and raising cattle.

Death Obit - The Steele Enterprise, Steele, Missouri, October 11, 1984
Jesse O Weaver Dies, Was Former Publisher, Postmaster, in Steele
Jesse Oscar, (J.O.) Weaver, a former publisher of The Steele Enterprise, died Sunday, September 30, 1984 at his home in Chiriguelo, Amambay, Paraguay. Mr. Weaver died of Lung cancer after an illness of several months. He had been in San Diego and Memphis for treatment this summer and in Florida on business but had returned to Paraguay just days before he died. In the mid-1950's, Weaver was postmaster in Steele for two years and publisher of The Steele Enterprise for one year. He left those positions to go to Phoenix, Arizona, to study at the American Institute for Foreign Trade after which he and his family lived in Mexico for awhile to become more fluent in the Spanish language. They moved to Paraguay in 1959 where Mr. Weaver managed farm interests for Jack Hutchison of Caruthersville, Missouri. From raising coffee and managing land for others, Mr. Weaver went on to buy more than 25,000 acres of farm, ranch and timber land. He cleared and developed land for row crops, rice and cattle, and established a timber-harvest and export business. J.O. Weaver was born in Steele August 28, 1925, the son of Frank J. and Bertha Hastings Weaver. He was married to Harriett Evers of Metropolis, Illinois in 1947. They had seven children, one of whom, Paul died at birth. A veteran of World War II, Weaver was a member of the U.S. Marine Corps. He attended schools locally and in Illinois, receiving his degree from the university there. In Steele, Mr. Weaver was in the service station, restaurant, and trucking business before becoming postmaster and publisher. He was active in civil work in Steele, being instrumental in developing City Park.

Funeral services were held October 1 on the family farm and burial was there in a location chosen by Mr. Weaver for a family cemetery. Mr. Weaver leaves his wife, Harriett, of the home; Two sons: Frank Luther Weaver and Joseph Evers Weaver of Chiriguelo; Four daughters: Sharon Brizuela of Asuncion, Paraguay; Leni Fernandez of near Pedro Juan Cabellero, Paraguay; Mary Nelle Weaver of San Diego and Jessica Lucille (Lucy) Weaver Moreno of near Belleville, Illinois; His mother, Mrs. Rupert Pritchard of Steele; and eight grandchildren.
Burial: Oct 01, 1984, Chiriguelo, Paraguay
Cause of Death: Lung Cancer
SSN issued: Illinois[1301]

Children of HARRIETT EVERS and JESSE WEAVER are:

198. i. SHARON KAYE[7] WEAVER, b. Mar 09, 1949, Blytheville, Arkansas.
199. ii. LENI HARRIETT WEAVER, b. Feb 18, 1950, Blytheville, Arkansas.
200. iii. MARYNELLE (MARINEL) WEAVER, b. Oct 03, 1954, Hayti, Pemiscot County, Missouri.
201. iv. FRANK LUTHER WEAVER, b. Jun 10, 1956, Hayti, Pemiscot County, Missouri.
v. JAMES PAUL WEAVER, b. Feb 14, 1957, Hayti, Pemiscot County, Missouri; d. Feb 15, 1957, Hayti, Pemiscot County, Missouri.
Burial: Steele, Pemiscot County, Missouri
202. vi. JOSEPH EVERS WEAVER, b. Mar 24, 1959, Phoenix, Pinal County, Arizona.
203. vii. JESSICA LUCILLE WEAVER, b. Feb 16, 1962, Pedro Juan Caballero, Paraguay.

133. BEATRICE KATHLEEN[6] FERGUSON *(HARRIETT HESTER[5] EVERS, JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Oct 02, 1914 in Tuscola, Douglas County, Illinois. She married GEORGE RACEY Feb 1934 in Douglas County, Illinois[1302].

More About BEATRICE KATHLEEN FERGUSON:
Census: 1920, Salem Ward 1, Marion County, Illinois[1303]

Children of BEATRICE FERGUSON and GEORGE RACEY are:

i. BARBARA J.[7] RACEY.
ii. WANDA L. RACEY.
iii. JAMES L. RACEY.
iv. ANN E. RACEY.
v. RUTH E. RACEY.

134. JAMES MARSEL[6] FERGUSON *(HARRIETT HESTER[5] EVERS, JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Dec 30, 1918 in Salem, Marion County, Illinois, and died Apr 26, 1987. He married DOROTHY MERCHANT Aug 06, 1942 in Boston, Massachusetts[1304].

More About JAMES MARSEL FERGUSON:
Census: 1930, Cache, Johnson County, Illinois[1305]
SSN issued: Illinois[1306]

Child of JAMES FERGUSON and DOROTHY MERCHANT is:
i. SHAWN ELAINE[7] FERGUSON, b. Dec 13, 1945.

135. LAURA ANN[6] FERGUSON *(HARRIETT HESTER[5] EVERS, JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Jan 11, 1922 in Salem, Marion County, Illinois, and died Apr 07, 1993. She married (1) CLIFFORD MEYER Mar 28, 1940 in Jackson, Cape Girardeau County, Missouri[1307]. He was born 1917[1307], and died Nov 14, 1998 in Lebanon, Saint Clair County, Illinois[1308]. She married (2) ? MCKINNEY.

More About LAURA ANN FERGUSON:
Census: 1930, Cache, Johnson County, Illinois[1309]
SSN issued: Bet. 1966 - 1967, Illinois

More About CLIFFORD MEYER:
Date born 2: Nov 18, 1917[1310]
SSN issued: Illinois[1310]

Children of LAURA FERGUSON and CLIFFORD MEYER are:
i. CARL DEAN[7] MEYER.
ii. JERRY DALE MEYER.

136. LYLE DEAN[6] FERGUSON *(HARRIETT HESTER[5] EVERS, JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Aug 05, 1924 in Salem, Marion County, Illinois[1311], and died Jul 29, 1995 in Arlington, Tarrant County, Texas. He married MILDRED LAVERNE SMITH[1312] Sep 15, 1956[1313]. She was born Bef. 1956.

Notes for LYLE DEAN FERGUSON:
Burial: Aug 02, 1995, Houston National Cemetery, Houston, Tarrant County, Texas
Military service: Bet. Nov 10, 1942 - Nov 06, 1946, RM3 US Navy WWII

Children of LYLE FERGUSON and MILDRED SMITH are:

i. DARRELL DEAN[7] FERGUSON, b. Apr 14, 1958, Harris, Texas[1314]; m. VERONICA GUTIERREZ[1315], May 30, 1981, Harris, Texas[1315]; b. 1959[1315].
ii. DAVID JAMES FERGUSON[1316], b. Nov 07, 1960, Harris County, Texas[1317].

137. LALLAH JEAN[6] FERGUSON *(HARRIETT HESTER[5] EVERS, JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[1318] was born Aug 05, 1924 in Salem, Marion County, Illinois, and died Dec 10, 2006 in West Paducah, McCracken, Kentucky. She married BARNARD L. SPURLOCK[1319] Dec 27, 1941 in Charleston, Mississippi County, Missouri[1320], son of JOE SPURLOCK and BERTIE SPURLOCK. He was born Nov 04, 1921 in Illinois[1321], and died Oct 31, 2005 in Karnak, Pulaski County, Illinois[1321].

Notes for LALLAH JEAN FERGUSON:
Death Obit "The Paducah Sun", Tuesday, December 12, 2006
Lallah Ferguson Spurlock, 82, of Karnak, formerly of Cypress, died at 08:30 a.m. Sunday Dec 10, 2006, in West Paducah at the home of her daughter Anita Wyant. Lallah married Barnard "Barney" Spurlock on Dec 27, 1947 and moved from Cypress to Karnak. She belonged to the Karnak United Methodist Church, where she taught a children's Sunday school class and sang in the choir. She performed as an evangelistic singer in other area churches. She was one of the sponsors of the Methodist Youth Fellowship for several years, attended meetings in the district and took home the ribbon for best attendance. She was a member of the United Methodist Women. She belonged to The Order of the Eastern Star No. 710 of Grand Chain. Lallah served as Deputy County Clerk at Mound City for 11 years. She was president of the Pulaski County Republican Women and Pulaski County Chairwoman. She was chosen Downstate County Chairwoman of the Illinois Federation for two years. Surviving are one daughter, Anita Spurlock Wyatt, of West Paducah; two grandsons, Jacent Jackson of Milwaukee and Bryant Hileman of Paducah; two great-granddaughters, Kaylee and Ally Hileman; one

sister, Beatrice Racey of West Frankfort; and several nieces and nephews. Mrs. Spurlock was preceded in death by her husband, Barnard Spurlock; three brothers, James, Lyle and Darrell Ferguson; and one sister, Laura Ann McKinney. Her parents were J.D. and Harriett Evers Ferguson. Visitation will be held at the Wilson Funeral Home in Karnak at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, December 12, 2006, with Eastern Star rites conducted at the beginning of the funeral. The funeral services will be performed at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec 12, 2006 with the Rev. Joey Dunning officiating and the Rev. Alan Milligan assisting. Music will be presented by Sharon Wilson. Pallbearers will be Jacent Jackson, Bryant Hileman, Scott Hefner, Timmy Kerley, Pat Halvorson and Donald Canada. Burial will be in the Masonic Cemetery in Cypress.
Burial: Dec 12, 2006, Masonic Cemetery, Cypress, Johnson County, Illinois

More About BARNARD L. SPURLOCK:
The Paducah Sun - Wednesday, November 2, 2005
Barnard 'Barney' Spurlock – Karnak, Illinois
Barnard "Barney" Spurlock of Karnak died at home on Oct. 31, 2005. He would have been 84 on Nov. 4, 2005. Barnard "Barney" was married to Lallah Ferguson on Dec. 27, 1941. They are members of the Karnak United Methodist Church, where Barney taught the young adult Sunday school class, "The Gleaners," for many years. Barney was a retired custodian from the Karnak Community High School, Century Unit District 100, Ullin, and Shawnee Community College, Ullin, where he served for many years. Barney was instrumental in leading many students to Christ while serving in this capacity. Barney served four years overseas as staff sergeant in the U.S. Infantry during World War II. He also served in the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign, receiving the Expert Infantry Badge, Combat Infantry Badge, two Bronze Stars and an Oak Leaf Cluster, battle Campaigns, Luzon, New Guinea and the Japan Occupational Medal, Philippine Presidential Unit, Citation Badge and the Good Conduct Medal and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon. Barney leaves behind his wife of 63 years, Lallah; one daughter, Anita Spurlock of Paducah; two grandsons, Jacent Jackson of Chicago and Bryant Hileman of Paducah; two great-granddaughters, Kaylee and Ally Hileman; and two sisters, Virginia Lee Kerley of Metropolis and Lois Schnarre of Brookport. Barney was preceded in death by his parents, Joe and Birdie Spurlock; two brothers, Paul and Bob; and two sisters, Lorene Hefner and Maudie McCum.

Visitation will be Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2005, at the Wilson Funeral Home in Karnak from 5 to 8 p.m. Services will be at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 3, 2005, at the Karnak United Methodist Church with Rev. Joey Dunning, Rev. Steve Heisner and Rev. Alan Milligan officiating. Interment will be at the Masonic Cemetery in Cypress with graveside military rites being conducted. Wilson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
Military: Sep 26, 1942, Chicago, Illinois[1322]
Military service: Sep 26, 1942, Enlistment date - ending rank of S SGT US Army WWII[1323]
Census 1: 1930, Karnak, Pulaski County, Illinois[1324]
Residence 2: Oct 2005, Pulaski County, Illinois[1325]
SSN issued: Illinois[1326]

Child of LALLAH FERGUSON and BARNARD SPURLOCK is:
i. ANITA[7] SPURLOCK.

138. CYNTHIA ELEANOR[6] EVERS *(HUBERT HUFFMAN[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Mar 11, 1913 in Hillerman, Massac County, Illinois[1327], and died Jan 01, 1978 in Jacksonville, Morgan County, Illinois[1328]. She married JESSE BOSTICK.

More About CYNTHIA ELEANOR EVERS:
Census: Apr 09, 1930, Jacksonville, Morgan County, Illinois[1329]
Occupation: Apr 09, 1930, Waitress in a cafe
SSN issued: Illinois[1330]

Children of CYNTHIA EVERS and JESSE BOSTICK are:
i. JAMES[7] BOSTICK.
ii. INFANT BOSTICK.
iii. ELEANOR BOSTICK.

139. CHARLES H.[6] EVERS *(HUBERT HUFFMAN[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Aug 28, 1923 in Illinois[1331], and died Feb 29, 2004 in Illinois[1331]. He married (1) Ruth Dawson He married DOLORES MARTOZIE.

Notes for CHARLES H. EVERS:
Death Obit - Chicago Tribune, Chicago, Illinois March 1, 2004
Charles H. Evers, late of Steger. Passed away February 29, 2004. Beloved husband of Dolores, nee Martozie; loving father of Marion Wagner; beloved grandfather of four; and fond brother of Marjorie (Richard) Steere; and loving uncle to many. Charles was preceded in death by a daughter, Cynthia Korman; and a sister; Josephine Knapp. Visitation Tuesday, March 2, 2004, 2 to 9 p.m. at Steger Memorial Chapel (3045 Chicago Rd. Steger, Illinois) Funeral Wednesday 10 a.m. at Calvary United Protestant Church (425 N. Orchard - Park Forest, Illinois). Interment Cedar Park Cemetery - Calumet Park, Illinois. Charles was a graduate of University of Illinois and employed as a program developer at the Salvation Army for 25 yrs. He also was a WWII Army Air Corps Veteran.
Burial: Mar 01, 2004, Cedar Park Cemetery, Calumet Park, Illinois[1332,1332]
Census: Apr 22, 1930, Harvey, Cook County, Illinois[1333]
Military service: WWII Army Air Forces Corps 2nd LT
Occupation: Program Developer for Salvation Army for 25 years
Residence: 2004, Steger, Cook County, Illinois
Social Security Number: Bef. 1951, In Illinois

Children of CHARLES EVERS and RUTH DAWSON are:

i. MARION[7] EVERS, m. / WAGNER.
   Occupation: Mathematician
ii. CYNTHIA EVERS, d. Abt. 2003. She married // Korman..
   Cause of Death: Cancer of the breast
   Occupation: Microbiologist
   Child of Cynthia & Korman is Daniel Korman
   Education: University of California, Berkley, California.

139a. MARJORIE ANN[6] EVERS *(HUBERT HUFFMAN[5] JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM, PHILLIP EAVERS)* was born Aug 1931 in Illinois. She married E. RICHARD STEERE Aug 13, 1949 in First United Methodist Church, Harvey, Cook County, Illinois. He was born Mar 02, 1927.

More About E. RICHARD STEERE:
Richard and Marge moved to Iowa after marriage where he finished his last two years of college. Dick played pro football for 2 years

until he was hurt.
Residence: Dyer, Lake County, Indiana

Children of MARJORIE EVERS and E. STEERE are:

i. RICHARD[7] STEERE, B. 1953, married JACKIE. They have four children RACHEL, RIKER, REVE and RILEY.
ii. GARY STEERE, b. 1956, married KATHY. They have 3 children: BRIAN, LAURA and ERIC.

140. LOIS GLADYS[6] PEELER *(JACOB C.[5], NANCY MINERVA[4] EVERS, JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Mar 10, 1897 in Johnson County, Illinois[1334], and died Jun 28, 1973. She married JOSEPH CLYDE BUFORD Jun 13, 1918 in Johnson County, Illinois, son of JOHN R. BUFORD. He was born Dec 02, 1894 in Dongola, Union County, Illinois[1335], and died Aug 06, 1972 in Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana[1336].

More About LOIS GLADYS PEELER:
Census: 1900, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[1337]
SSN issued: Illinois[1338]

More About JOSEPH CLYDE BUFORD:
SSN issued: Illinois[1338]

Child of LOIS PEELER and JOSEPH BUFORD is:

i. JOSEPH C[7] BUFORD, b. Jun 30, 1920, Illinois; d. Jan 30, 2000, Ohio.
Census: Jan 30, 2000, Bowling Green, Wood County, Ohio
SSN issued: Bet. 1956 - 1958, Ohio[1339]

141. ERNESTINE[6] MOORE *(OMA[5] PEELER, NANCY MINERVA[4] EVERS, JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Jun 20, 1906 in Anna, Union County, Illinois, and died Sep 26, 1998 in Bradenton, Manatee County, Florida[1340]. She married LAWRENCE TAYLOR SOGARD Abt. 1929[1341]. He was born Jun 26, 1901 in Vinton, Iowa, and died Oct 17, 1992 in Bradenton, Manatee County, Florida[1342].

Notes for ERNESTINE MOORE:
Sarasota Herald-Tribune (FL) - October 1, 1998

Ernestine M. "Pat" Sogard, 92, Bradenton, died Sept. 26, 1998.
She was born in Anna, Illinois, and came to Bradenton 28 years ago from Indianapolis. She was a retired music teacher. She was a Butler University graduate and a member of Longboat Island Chapel. Survivors include a son, Jack of Indianapolis; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Freedom Village. National Cremation Society, Sarasota chapter, is in charge.
Date born 2: Jun 15, 1906[1343]
Census 1: 1920, Anna, Union County, Illinois[1344]
Census 2: 1930, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois[1345]

Notes for LAWRENCE TAYLOR SOGARD:
Lawrence listed his father from Norway & mother from New York in the 1930 Census.
Occupation: 1930, Salesman for building materials
Census 1: 1920, Racine Ward 3, Racine, Wisconsin[1346]
Census 2: 1930, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois[1345]
SSN issued: Minnesota[1347]

Child of ERNESTINE MOORE and LAWRENCE SOGARD is:
204. i. RALPH JOHN[7] SOGARD.

142. WESLEY L.[6] EVERS *(MAURICE JETT[5], JOHN WESLEY H.[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Sep 15, 1928 in Benton, Franklin County, Illinois[1348], and died Feb 27, 2003 in Avon Park, Highlands County, Florida[1349]. He married BEVERLY JOYCE DATEMA 1951 in 1st Methodist Church, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Notes for WESLEY L. EVERS:
Obituary - Kalamazoo Gazette, February 28, 2003, p. B4
Evers, Wesley L. of Avon Park, Florida
Died Thursday, February 27th at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Sebring, Florida. He was born in Benton, IL moving to Kalamazoo, Michigan where he graduated from Kalamazoo Central High School, Class of 1947. He was the former owner of Derk's Restaurant, Portage, MI moving to Avon Park from Portage in 1992. He was of the Methodist Faith, a member of Highlands Ridge

Men's Golf Association and Past President of Highlands Peddlers Bicycle Club. He is survived by his wife - Beverly J. Evers, Avon Park, FL; son - John (Kathy) Evers, Holland, MI; daughters - Brenda (Dave) Deona, Basking Ridge, NJ, Marsha (Bob) Ostrowski and Gail (Jeff) Elliott both of Mattawan, MI; grandchildren - Michael, Jodi, Kelly, Andrea, Jennifer, David, Laura, Lindsey, Austin and Alaina; Great grandchildren - Addison and Avery. A memorial service will be held 2:00 p.m. Saturday at Founders Hall, Highlands Ride with Rev. Brett Sanford, pastor of First United Methodist Church officiating. The family suggest memorials to YMCA - BMX Track, 100 YMCA Lane, Sebring, Florida 22875 or charity of choice. A local memorial service will be announced at a later date.
Kalamazoo Gazette, March 6, 2003, p. B3
Ex-restaurateur had tough exterior, deep down friendliness. For nearly 30 years, Wesley Evers ran Derk's Portage Plaza Restaurant by going from table to table to trying to get morning coffee drinkers to buy some food to go along with their drink or pressuring the lunch crowd to save room for a piece of his pie. "He was kind of a pusher, he did really well in this business, though" said Carolyn Peterson who has manager at Derk's on Southnedge Avenue since before Evers sold the restaurant in 1991.
Evers, 74, died Thursday at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Sebring, Florida. "He was kind of a gruff person; he didn't mince words; he said it like it was," she said. "He ran this restaurant very strict, be he was fair." Evers built up clientele of regulars who continue to come to the restaurant today, Peterson said. "He was a hard person to get to know, but once you got to know him, then he was your friend for life," she said.
"He was a good person and a good family man, a very good family man. He was always closed on Sunday so he could spend time with his family."
Although Evers moved to Florida in 1992, the year after he retired, he returned to Portage every summer and would spend one day at Derk's.
"He'd come in at 9 o'clock for coffee....and then he'd stay and have lunch with the lunch group," Peterson said. As word spread of his death, Friday's crowd of regulars at Derk's was somewhat subdued, Peterson said. "Today was kind of a sad day here," she said.Evers of Avon Park, Florida, was born in Benton, Illinois, but moved as a child to Kalamazoo, where he graduated from Kalamazoo Central High School in 1947. He purchased the Plaza House Restaurant on South Westnedge from the late Ray Derksen in 1963, then renamed it Derk's for its

previous owner.
In 1992, he moved to Avon Park, where he was a member of Highlands Ridge Men's Golf Association and past president of Highlands Pedalers Bicylcle Club. Evers is survived by his wife, Beverly; a son and daughter-in-law, John and Kathy Evers of Holland; daughters and son-in-laws, Brenda and Dave Deona of Basking Ridge, N.J.; Marsha and Bob Ostrowski and Gail and Jeff Elliott, all of Mattawan; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. A local memorial service will be announced later. Morris Funeral Chapel in Sebring was in charge of arrangements.
Occupation: Bet. 1963 - 1991, Restaurateur
SSN issued: Bef. 1951, Michigan[1348]

Marriage Notes for WESLEY EVERS and BEVERLY DATEMA:
Evers - Datema Vows Exchanged - Kalamazoo Gazette - 12-02-1951

The chapel of the 1st Methodist church was decorated with palms, candelabra and baskets of white roses and carnations for the wedding of Miss Beverly Joyce Datema, Alcott Street and Wesley Logan Evers at 4 Saturday afternoon. The Rev. Robert Willoughby officiated. The couple's parents are Mr. & Mrs Fred Newman, South Park Street and Mr. & Mrs. Maurice J. Evers, Lovers Lane. Attendants were Mr. & Mrs. Jack Derksen, Scotta, and ushers included Jack Appelgren, John Bowers and Paul Spooner. Miss Helen Brink presented vocal selections. Miss Datema's ice-blue satin gown featured a train, a nylon net yoke and long, pointed sleeves. A matching Juliet cap held her fingertip veil of ice-blue nylon and her arm bouquet was of white roses. A gold lace jacket topped Mrs. Derksen's gold satin frock and she carried a bouquet of yellow roses.
Following a reception for 100 guests in the church social room, the bridegroom's parents entertained the families and a few friends in their home. Mrs. Evers was graduated from Alpena High School and is employed by the Upjohn Company. Her husband, a Central High School graduate, is an employee of the Kalamazoo State hospital.

Children of WESLEY EVERS and BEVERLY DATEMA are:

i. JOHN[7] EVERS.
ii. BRENDA EVERS.
iii. MARSHA EVERS.
iv. GAIL EVERS.

143. KENNETH EVERS[6] MCCULLAM *(BESSE BLANCHE[5] WILLIS, HARRIET CATHERINE[4] EVERS, JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Feb 09, 1918 in Alton, Madison County, Illinois, and died Feb 19, 1982 in Trumbell, Fairfield County, Connecticut. He married FRANCES ELIZABETH SNEED Jun 01, 1938 in Elizabeth, New Jersey, daughter of JOHN SNNED and FRANCES BOGARD. She was born Feb 24, 1917 in Clarksville, Tennessee, and died Aug 14, 2007 in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

More About KENNETH EVERS MCCULLAM:
Census: 1920, Roselle, Union County, New Jersey[1349]

Children of KENNETH MCCULLAM and FRANCES SNEED are:

i. VALERIE SUE[7] MCCULLAM, m. MAX AKAMI.
ii. CAROL JOAN MCCULLAM, m. VITO HOME.
iii. BARBARA JO MCCULLAM.

144. JAMES WILLIAM[6] EVERS *(WILLIAM FRANCIS[5], JAMES ROBERT[4], JOSEPH NATHAN[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Jan 11, 1901 in Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[1350], and died Jul 11, 1979 in Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[1350]. He married BLANCHE ESTHER ALLEN May 25, 1931 in Johnson County, Illinois[1351]. She was born Sep 28, 1907 in Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois and died Dec 17, 1987 in Massac Memorial Hospital, Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois

More About JAMES WILLIAM EVERS:
Census 1: 1910, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[1352]
Census 2: 1920, Logan, Massac County, Illinois[1353]
Census 3: 1930, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[1354]
SSN issued: Illinois[1355]

Notes for BLANCHE ESTHER ALLEN:
Obit - Blanche Evers
Blanche Evers, age 80, of Belknap died Sunday, December 27, 2987 at Massac Memorial Hospital, Metropolis. She was born September 28, 1907 at Belknap the daughter of Dave and Rosie Canupp Allen. She married James Evers, who

preceded her in death in 1979. Mrs. Evers is survived by her two sons, Owen and Louis Evers, both of Belknap; four sisters, Hazel Fugua of Vienna, Vivian Penrod, Flossie Higgins and Lizzie McHuch, all of Belknap; two brothers, John and Marion Allen, both of Belknap; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was a member of the Belknap Pentecostal Church. Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 29, 1987 at 1 p.m. at Wilson Funeral Home, Karnak. Rev. Alvin Thomas officiated. Burial was in Belknap Masonic Cemetery.

Children of JAMES EVERS and BLANCHE ALLEN are:

i. JAMES VICTOR[7] EVERS, b. Dec 21, 1938, Buncombe, Johnson County, Illinois[1356]; d. Dec 27, 1938, Buncombe, Johnson County, Illinois[1356].
Burial: Dec 28, 1938, Masonic Cemetery, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[1356]
Cause of Death: Inability to nurse[1356]
Medical Information: James Evers.

ii. OWEN EVERS, b. Dec 12, 1939, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois; d. Dec 13, 1996, Lourdes Hospital, Paducah, McCracken County, Kentucky, m. HENRIETTA JONES.

Notes for OWEN EVERS:
Obit - Owen Evers
Owen Evers, age 57, of Belknap died Friday, December 13, 1996, at Lourdes Hospital, Paducah, Kentucky. He was born December 12, 1939, in Belknap, the son of James and Blanche Allen Evers. He married Henrietta Jones, who survives. Mr. Evers is also survived by two sons, Owen Eugene of Cypress and Mike Todd Evers of Belknap; a brother, Lewis Evers of Belknap; and two grandchildren. A sister, Linda Jordan, preceded him in death. He was a member of the Belknap Pentecostal Church and employed at Electric Energy, Inc. at Joppa. Graveside services were held Sunday, December 15, 1996, 2 p.m.; at Belknap Masonic Cemetery. The Rev. Kevin Detweiler officiated. Arrangements were handled by Wilson Funeral Home, Karnak.

iii. LEWIS R. EVERS, b. Feb 13, 1942; d. Dec 31, 2001, St. Francis Medical Center, Cape Girardeau, Cape Girardeau County, Missouri, m. GENEVIEVE HANLE EVERS.

Notes for LEWIS R. EVERS:
The Southeast Missourian Newspaper - Cape Girardeau, Missouri
Lewis 'Cub' Evers -Thursday, January 3, 2002
KARNAK, Ill. -- Funeral service for Lewis "Cub" Evers, 59, of Belknap were held Wednesday at the Wilson Funeral Home in Karnak, Illinois, with

the Rev. Raymond Davis officiating. Burial was at the Masonic Cemetery in Grand Chain, Illinois. He died Monday, Dec. 31, 2001, at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau from injuries received in an automobile accident near Perks, Illinois, Monday morning. He was employed at Unimin Minerals Inc. at Elco, Illinois. He was a member of the Belknap Community Church, the National Rifle Association, the Johnson County Sheriff's Association, and Laborers Local 273 of North America.
He is survived by his wife, Genevieve Hanle Evers of Belknap; two sons, Richard Evers of Belknap and Gerald Douglas of Chatsworth, Georgia; a daughter, Becky Carr of Belknap; four grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Blanch Allen Evers, and by a son, a brother and a sister.
SSN issued: Illinois

iv. LINDA S EVERS, b. Dec 05, 1943, Fulton County, Kentucky; d. Bef. 1996; m. // JORDAN.

145. CHARLES G.[6] EVERS *(WILLIAM FRANCIS[5], JAMES ROBERT[4], JOSEPH NATHAN[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[1357,1358,1359,1360,1361] was born Oct 02, 1903 in Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[1362,1363], and died May 1952[1364]. He married ADA G. She was born 1914[1365], and died 1977[1365].

More About CHARLES G. EVERS:
Burial: May 1952, Belknap Masonic Cemetery, Johnson County, Illinois[1366]
Census 1: 1910, Belknap, Johnson, Illinois[1367]
Census 2: 1920, Logan, Massac, Illinois[1368]
Census 3: 1930, Belknap, Johnson, Illinois[1369]
SSN issued: Bef. 1951, Illinois[1370]

More About ADA G.:
Burial: 1977, Belknap Masonic Cemetery, Johnson County, Illinois[1371]

146. SETH[6] EVERS *(JOHN ROBERT[5], JAMES ROBERT[4], JOSEPH NATHAN[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[1379,1380,1381,1382] was born Dec 15, 1896 in Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[1383], and died Jul 1972 in Salem, Marion County, Illinois[1384]. He married (1) SYLVIA SNELL before 1916. She died Jun 30, 1918, Salem, Marion County, Illinois. (2) LAURA F WILSON[1385] Feb 14, 1925 in Mound City, Pulaski

County, Illinois, daughter of EDWARD WILSON and LILLIAN LEWIS. She was born 1904[1385], and died in Salem, Marion County, Illinois.

More About SETH EVERS:
Census 1: 1900, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[1386]
Census 2: 1930, Salem, Marion County, Illinois[1387]

Children of SETH EVERS and SYLVIA SNELL are:

205. iii. CHARLES ROBERT[7] EVERS, b. Jul 26, 1916, Grand Chain, Pulaski County, Illinois.

iv. FEMALE STILLBORN EVERS, b. Jun 30, 1918, Salem, Marion County, Illinois; d. Jun 30, 1918, Salem, Marion County, Illinois.
Burial: Jul 01, 1918, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois
Cause of Death: Premature Birth[1388]

More About LAURA F WILSON:
Census: 1930, Salem, Marion, Illinois[1387]

Children of SETH EVERS and LAURA WILSON are:

i. JOHN L[7] EVERS[1387], b. 1928[1387].
Census: 1930, Salem, Marion, Illinois[1387]

ii. DAVID EVERS[1387], b. 1929[1387].
Census: 1930, Salem, Marion, Illinois[1387]

147. JAMES VIVIAN[6] EVERS *(JOHN ROBERT[5], JAMES ROBERT[4], JOSEPH NATHAN[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Jan 31, 1899 in Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois, and died Aug 1965[1389]. He married (2) MINNIE ALLEN[1390,1391] Feb 22, 1921 in Mound City, Pulaski County, Illinois, daughter of JAMES ALLEN and BERTHA JONES. She was born Mar 1900 in Illinois[1391], and died 1961.

More About JAMES VIVIAN EVERS:
Name 2: Vivian Evers[1392]
Date born 2: 1899, Illinois[1393]
Census 1: 1900, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[1394]
Census 2: 1910, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[1395]
Census 3: 1920, Karnak, Pulaski County, Illinois[1396]
Census 4: 1930, Johnston City, Williamson County, Illinois[1397]

SSN issued: Illinois[1398]

More About MINNIE ALLEN:
Burial: 1961, Belknap Masonic Cemetery, Lower Cache Township, Johnson County, Illinois[1399]
Census 1: Jun 07, 1900, Hillerman, Massac County, Illinois[1400]
Census 2: 1930, Johnston City, Williamson County, Illinois[1401]

Child of JAMES VIVIAN EVERS is:

i. ROBERT C[7] EVERS[1402], b. 1916, Illinois[1402].
Census: 1920, Karnak, Pulaski County, Illinois[1402]

148. NELLIE MAY[6] EVERS *(CHARLES ROBERT[5], GEORGE WASHINGTON[4], JOSEPH NATHAN[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[1403,1404] was born Jan 26, 1896 in Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois, and died Oct 25, 1954 in Cairo, Alexander County, Illinois. She married (1) CHRIS MILTON WISE. He was born Jan 06, 1890 in Creal Springs, Illinois[1405,1406], and died Jul 31, 1930 in Pulaski County, Illinois[1407]. She married (2) JOHN SEITZ. He was born in Indiana.

More About NELLIE MAY EVERS:
Burial: Aft. Oct 25, 1954, Thistlewood Cemetery, Mounds, Pulaski County, Illinois
Census 1: 1900, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[1408]
Census 2: 1920, Mounds, Pulaski County, Illinois[1409]
Census 3: 1930, Mounds, Pulaski County, Illinois[1410]
Occupation: 1930, Laundress per 1930 Census

More About CHRIS MILTON WISE:
Burial: Aug 1930, Thistlewood (Beechwood) Cemetery, Mounds, Pulaski County, Illinois
Census 1: 1900, Tunnel Hill, Johnson County, Illinois[1411]
Census 2: 1920, Mounds, Pulaski County, Illinois[1412]
Census 3: 1930, Mounds, Pulaski County, Illinois[1413]
Occupation: Jun 05, 1917, Car Oiler for Illinois Central Railroad, Mounds, Pulaski County, Illinois[1414]
WW I Draft Registration: Jun 05, 1917, Tall, Slender, Gray Eyes & Black Hair

More About JOHN SEITZ:
Burial: Thistlewood Cemetery, Mounds, Pulaski County, Illinois

Children of NELLIE EVERS and CHRIS WISE are:

i. EDWARD WAYNE[7] WISE, b. Feb 03, 1915, Illinois; d. Dec 13, 1942, Mounds, Pulaski County, Illinois.

More About EDWARD WAYNE WISE:
Burial: 1942, Thistlewood (Beechwood) Cemetery, Mounds, Pulaski County, Illinois
Cause of Death: Cancer
Census 1: 1920, Mounds, Pulaski County, Illinois[1415]
Census 2: 1930, Mounds, Pulaski County, Illinois[1416]

ii. CHARLES MILTON WISE, b. Jan 22, 1922; d. Jan 22, 1922.
More About CHARLES MILTON WISE:
Burial: 1922, Thistlewood (Beechwood) Cemetery, Mounds, Pulaski County, Illinois

149. SAMUEL WARD[6] EVERS *(CHARLES ROBERT[5], GEORGE WASHINGTON[4], JOSEPH NATHAN[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[1417,1417,1418,1419,1420] was born Apr 07, 1900 in Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois, and died Dec 12, 1969 in Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee. He married MARY A. DONAVON[1421]. She was born Sep 06, 1905 in Illinois[1422], and died Jul 22, 1996[1422].

More About SAMUEL WARD EVERS:
Died 2: Dec 1969, Mounds, Pulaski, Illinois[1422]
Burial: Dec 1969, Green Lawn Memorial Gardens, Pulaski County, Illinois[1423]
Census 1: 1900, Belknap, Johnson, Illinois[1425]
Census 2: 1920, Mounds, Pulaski, Illinois[1426]
Census 3: 1930, Mounds, Pulaski, Illinois[1424]
Medical Information: Described as medium/short stature, stout build, light color of hair and grey eyes on WWI draft registrations
Occupation: Sep 12, 1918, Fireman for ICRR, Mounds, Pulaski County, Illinois
SSN issued: Railroad Board (Issued Through)[1427]
WW I Draft Registration: Sep 12, 1918, Mound City, Pulaski County, Illinois[1428]

More About MARY A. DONAVON:

Burial: Aft. Jul 22, 1996, Green Lawn Memorial Gardens, Cairo, Alexander County, Illinois[1429]
Census: 1930, Mounds, Pulaski County, Illinois[1430]
SSN issued: Bet. 1969 - 1970, Illinois[1431]

Children of SAMUEL EVERS and MARY DONAVON are:

206. i. DONOVAN CHARLES[7] EVERS, b. 1926, Mounds, Pulaski County, Illinois.
ii. MARIEN EVERS, b. Stillborn; d. Stillborn.

150. HARRY OWEN[6] EVERS, SR *(CHARLES ROBERT[5], GEORGE WASHINGTON[4], JOSEPH NATHAN[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[1432,1433,1434] was born Aug 31, 1910 in Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[1435], and died Sep 23, 1979 in Mounds, Pulaski, Illinois[1436]. He married RUTH EVELYN DAVID[1436,1437] Dec 10, 1932 in Union City, Obion County, Tennessee[1438], daughter of BENJAMIN DAVID and MABEL NIX. She was born Dec 11, 1911 in Joppa, Massac County, Illinois, and died May 03, 1997 in Cape Girardeau, Cape Girardeau, Missouri[1439].

Notes for HARRY OWEN EVERS, SR:
Memorial Obituary - Southern Illinoisan September 25, 1979
Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Mound City Methodist Church for Owen Evers, 69, of Mounds, who died at 8:30 a.m. Sunday, September 23, 1979, at home after an extended illness.
A prayer service will be at 6 p.m. today at the Crain Funeral Home in Mounds.
Mr. Evers was a well-known educator and radio personality in the Cairo-Mound City area for many years. He was an announcer and sportscaster for Station WKRO in Cairo since that station went on the air in 1942. He was also an avid historian, a member of the Genealogical Society of Southern Illinois, a member of the Retired Teachers Association, the Senior Citizens, and a former member of the Cairo Rotary Club. Mr. Evers was a member of the Mound City Methodist Church.
Mr. Evers graduated from Cairo High School, McKendree College, and the University of Illinois. He began his teach career in Grand Chain as a coach and later was named principal. He was a teacher and principal and superintendent at Mound City Community High School until that school became part of the Meridian School District. Mr. Evers was appointed assistant superintendent at Meridian, from which position he retired. Following his retirement, he was

the personnel manager of the Cairo Burkart Plant for several years. Mr. Evers was born August 13, 1910, in Belknap to C.R. & Lillie Williams Evers. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and two sisters. Mr. Evers was married to Ruth David. Survivors include his wife, Ruth, of Mounds, three sons, Col. Harry Owen Evers, Jr. (Faye) at the Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana, Charles David Evers (Betty Jo) of Casa Grande, Arizona, and George Edward Evers (Angie) of Villa Ridge, and one daughter, Martha Ellen Evers of Mounds. Burial will be in the Green Lawn Memorial Gardens of Villa Ridge. Friends may call between 6:30 and 9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

More About HARRY OWEN EVERS, SR:
Burial: Aft. Sep 23, 1979, Green Lawn Memorial Gardens, Villa Ridge, Pulaski County, Illinois[1440]
Census: 1920, Mounds, Pulaski County, Illinois[1441]
Education 1: 1939, M.S. Education from U of Illinois[1442]
Education 2: A.B. Degree from McKendree College[1443]
Occupation: Teacher, Coach, & Administrator at Grand Chain High School[1444]
Residence: 1932, Tennessee[1445]
Retirement 1: 1969, Education[1446]
Retirement 2: 1972, Personnel Manager, Burkharts, Cairo, Alexander County, Illinois[1446]
SSN issued: Illinois[1447]

Notes for RUTH EVELYN DAVID:
Memorial Tribute - The Southern Illinoisan, May 5, 1997
Ruth Evelyn David Evers, 85, of 1503 Briarcliff, Cape Girardeau, formerly of Pulaski County, died Saturday, May 3, 1997, at Southeast Missouri Hospital in Cape Girardeau. She was born Dec. 11, 1911, near Joppa. She was the daughter of Mabel Nix David and Benjamin Fredrick David. She married Harry Owen Evers Sr. in 1932. Owen well-known Pulaski County educator and radio announcer, preceded her in death Sept. 23, 1979. Mrs. Evers was a homemaker and a member of the First United Methodist Church of Mound City. She was a past member and state officer of the Women's Society of Christian Service, a past member of Mound City Woman's Club, Senior Citizens, Mound City Civic and Historical Society, Olmstead Historic Society, and Southern Illinois Genealogical

Society. She and her husband, Owen, were active in educational activities and enjoyed genealogical and historical work. Mrs. Evers will be remembered for her sweet spirit of caring about others.
Survivors include three sons, Harry Owen Evers, Jr. and wife, Faye, of Pass Christian, Miss., Charles David Evers and wife, Betty Jo, of Casa Grande, Arizona, and George Evers and wife, Angie, of Villa Ridge, one daughter, Martha Ellen Evers House and husband, Ken, of Cape Girardeau; one brother, Donald David of McKenzie, Tennessee; and one sister, Pat Wheeler of Fulton, Kentucky. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Warren David and Loren David, and two sisters, Verna Mae Boyd and Shirley David. Mrs. Evers 11 grandchildren are Kelly Gruber, Kim Evers, Harry Owen Evers III (Cindy), Charles David Evers II (Cathy), Daniel Nathan Evers (Lori), Jessica Nicole Evers, Jeremy Kyle Evers, Sheri House (Kurt), David House, Greg House (Vickie) and Donna Jo Harper. Her 15 great grandchildren are Jerrod and Lauren Gruber, Jacob Evers, Taylor and Caitlin Evers, Kelsey and Michelle Evers, D.J. Evers Derick, Landon and Ashley House, Lexi and C.J. Harper, and Kristi and Lindsey House. Mrs. Evers is survived by several cousins, nieces and nephews, and a host of friends. Visitation will be from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 6, at Barkett Funeral Home in Mound City. Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 7, 1997 at the First United Methodist Church in Mound City. Burial will be in Green Lawn Memorial Gardens at Villa Ridge.

More About RUTH EVELYN DAVID:
Burial: May 1997, Green Lawn Memorial Gardens, Villa Ridge, Pulaski County, Illinois
Census: Apr 15, 1930, Mounds, Pulaski County, Illinois[1448]
SSN issued: Illinois[1449]

Children of HARRY EVERS and RUTH DAVID are:

207. i. HARRY OWEN[7] EVERS, JR., b. Nov 03, 1933, Mounds, Pulaski County, Illinois.
208. ii. CHARLES DAVID EVERS, b. Sep 17, 1938, Grand Chain, Illinois.
iii. MARTHA ELLEN EVERS, b. Aug 20, 1942, Mound City, Pulaski County, Illinois; m. KENNETH HOUSE, Dec 26, 1981, UMC, Mound City, Pulaski County, Illinois; b. Jul 27, 1939, Mayfield, Graves County, Kentucky.

More About MARTHA ELLEN EVERS:

Education: BS from SIU & MS from SEMO

209. iv. GEORGE EDWARD EVERS. b. Nov 02, 1944, Mound City, Pulaski County, Illinois.

151. VIRGINIA DALE[6] EVERS *(JESSE W.[5], GEORGE WASHINGTON[4], JOSEPH NATHAN[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[1450,1451] was born May 29, 1917 in Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[1452,1453]. She married JOSEPH N SIMMONS[1454] Jan 01, 1939 in Charleston, Mississippi County, Missouri[1454]. He was born 1918[1454].

More About VIRGINIA DALE EVERS:
Name 2: Virginia B Evers[1455]
Census 1: 1920, Cache, Johnson County, Illinois[1456]
Census 2: 1930, Belknap, Johnson County, Illinois[1455]

Marriage Notes for VIRGINIA EVERS and JOSEPH SIMMONS:
Joseph & Virginia stated that they were both from Metropolis, Illinois on their marriage application.

Children of VIRGINIA EVERS and JOSEPH SIMMONS are:

i. LOUIS[7] SIMMONS.
ii. GEORGE SIMMONS.

152. CARL ROBERT[6] EVERS *(JAMES BENJAMIN[5], WILLIAM BENJAMIN[4], JOSEPH NATHAN[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Aug 18, 1901 in Missouri, and died 1991 in Prescott, Yavapai County, Arizona. He married BERTIE ABBOTT Sep 02, 1927 in Belleville, St. Clair County, Illinois, daughter of GEORGE ABBOTT and EFFIE BOHALL. She was born Aug 24, 1903 in Ullin, Pulaski County, Illinois, and died 1969 in Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois.

Notes for CARL ROBERT EVERS:
Information of Carl & Bertie Evers came from James Eugene Evers in 1998.

Peoria Journal Star, The (Illinois) - September 10, 1991
Deceased Name: CARL EVERS
Carl R. Evers, 90, of Prescott, Arizona, formerly of Peoria, died Friday Sept. 6, 1991, in Prescott. Born Aug. 18, 1901, in Sikeston, Missouri, to James Benjamin

and Mary Mellein Evers, he married Bertie Abbott in 1928 in Belleville. She died in 1969. He later married Bettye Boughan in 1972 in Washington and she survives. Also surviving are one daughter, Barbara A. Evers of Pekin; two sons, Sidney R. of Grove City, Ohio, and James E. of East Peoria; three stepsons, James Boughan of Austin, Texas, Gerald Boughan of Los Angeles, California and Mark Boughan of California; four grandchildren; and three great- grandchildren. One brother also preceded him in death. He was employed at Peoria & Pekin Railroad for 28 years, retiring in 1974, and was a member of St. Boniface Catholic Church. Services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at the First Evangelical Free Church in Prescott. Memory Chapel Mortuary, Prescott, is in charge of arrangements.
Census: 1930, Cairo, Alexander County, Illinois
Occupation: Sep 12, 1918, Foundry Labor
WW I Draft Registration: Sep 12, 1918, Bellville, St. Clair County, Illinois. Described as short, medium build, gray eyes & brown hair.

Child of CARL EVERS and BERTIE ABBOTT is:

i. JAMES EUGENE[7] EVERS, b. Aug 25, 1937, Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois.

153. JACK DEE[6] EVERS *(RAY MARSHALL[5], WILLIAM BENJAMIN[4], JOSEPH NATHAN[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Dec 22, 1923 in DOB listed for Social Security[1457], and died Jun 1986 in Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana[1457]. He married EMELYN REVA WHITESIDE Apr 25, 1942 in Cape Girardeau, Cape Girardeau, Missouri[1458], daughter of CHARLES WHITESIDE and MINNIE TAYLOR. She was born Dec 29, 1921[1459], and died Jun 26, 2007 in Vienna, Johnson County, Illinois[1459].

More About JACK DEE EVERS:
Date born 2: 1921, Year of birth stated on marriage license application[1460]
SSN issued: Illinois[1461]

Notes for EMELYN REVA WHITESIDE:
Emelyn R. Evers
Funeral services for Mrs. Emelyn R. Evers, 85, of the Pond community in Vienna, Illinois, were conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 30, 2007, from the chapel of Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna with Pastor Fred Wilson officiating. Burial was in Casey Springs Cemetery. Mrs. Evers died Tuesday, June 26 at her home. She

taught as a substitute elementary school teacher, and then taught second grade for two years at Public School #28 in Indianapolis, Indiana, and third grade at Public School #67 in Indianapolis for several years, prior to her retirement. Born December 29, 1921, in the Pond Community in Johnson County, Illinois, she was the daughter of the late Charles A. Whiteside and Minnie L (Taylor) Whiteside. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Jack D. Evers; and a son, Jimmie D. Evers. Survivors include 3 daughters and sons-in-law, Jackie Lee and Bill Greenwood of Hilham, Judy Ann and Jerry Huckleberry of Vienna, and Janice Pearl and Larry Dalton of Indianapolis, 8 grandchildren; and 12
great-grandchildren.

Evers, Emelyn R. - June 28, 2007
Emelyn R. Evers 85, a resident of rural Vienna, Illinois, and a former resident of Indianapolis for over 30 years, passed away Tuesday morning, June 26, 2007, at 9:19 a.m. at her home near Vienna. Emelyn is survived by: Three daughters, Jackie Lee and Bill Greenwood of Hilham, Tennessee, Judy Ann and Jerry Huckleberry of Vienna, Illinois, Janice Pearl and Larry Dalton of Indianapolis. Emelyn was an elementary education teacher in the Indianapolis Public School system prior to her retirement. Funeral services will be conducted Saturday afternoon, June 30, 2007, at 1 p.m. at the Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna, Illinois. Interment will be in the Casey Springs Cemetery. Friends may call after 5 p.m. Friday at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna, Illinois.
SSN issued: Illinois[1462]

Children of JACK EVERS and EMELYN WHITESIDE are:

210. i. JACKIE LEE[7] EVERS.
211. ii. JUDITH ANN EVERS.
212. iii. JIMMIE DEE EVERS, b. Jan 07, 1955, Carbondale, Jackson County, Illinois; d. Dec 11, 1993, Fairland, Indiana.
213. iv. JANCIE PEARL EVERS.

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154. ALFRED[7] THRASHER *(LOUIE[6], CICERO AUGUSTUS[5], JANE[4] EVERS, JAMES ROBERT[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[1463]. He married MARY NEOLA[1463]. She

died Jan 07, 1988 in Dunklin County, Missouri[1463].

Child of ALFRED THRASHER and MARY NEOLA is:

i. FREDDIE EARL[8] THRASHER[1463], b. Apr 08, 1950[1463]; d. Jun 12, 1950, Cambell County, Missouri[1463].

155. KING W.[7] EVERS, JR. *(KING WALLACE[6], ERNEST PAUL[5], VOLNEY CICERO[4], JAMES ROBERT[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[1464] was born Abt. 1946[1465]. He married (1) MARBEA LANE[1466] Bef. 1979, daughter of WALDEMAR LANE and CORA ANGVICK and divorced Jan 10, 1979 in Orange County, California. He married (2) MELISSA A. HOWELL Sep 29, 1979 in Alameda, California[1467]. She was born Abt. 1955.

More About KING W. EVERS, JR.:
Residence: Spokane, Washington[1468]

Children of KING EVERS and MARBEA LANE are:

i. KIRK BEATTY[8] EVERS.
ii. KEVIN WALLACE EVERS.

156. KATHRYN[7] EVERS *(KING WALLACE[6], ERNEST PAUL[5], VOLNEY CICERO[4], JAMES ROBERT[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Abt. 1947[1469]. She married (1) PETER LAO. She married (2) ROBERT G.JENSEN May 15, 1971 in Alameda, California[1469]. He was born Abt. 1947.

Children of KATHRYN EVERS and ROBERT G.JENSEN are:

i. BRIAN[8] JENSEN.
ii. KRISTINE JENSEN, m. // PETERSEN.

157. DEBORAH[7] EVERS *(KING WALLACE[6], ERNEST PAUL[5], VOLNEY CICERO[4], JAMES ROBERT[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Abt. 1956[1469]. She married JEFFREY B. MURRAY Jun 06, 1981 in Santa Barbara, California[1469]. He was born Abt. 1953.

Child of DEBORAH EVERS and JEFFREY MURRAY is:

i. SETH[8] MURRAY.
Adopted

158. LALA VIRGINIA[7] MCNEELY *(LURA[6] BOAZ, THOMAS DICK[5], MARTHA[4] EVERS, JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[1470] was born Dec 30, 1914 in Wingo, Graves County, Kentucky[1470], and died Sep 1985 in Arlington, Arlington County, Virginia[1471]. She married WILLARD CHANDLER PARKER[1472], son of FRED PARKER and JESSIE CHANDLER. He was born 1913[1473].

More About LALA VIRGINIA MCNEELY:
Died 2: Sep 18, 1985[1474]
SSN issued: District of Columbia[1475]

More About WILLARD CHANDLER PARKER:
Date born 2: 1911[1476]
Census: 1930, Dansville, Steuben County, New York[1477]
Military: Jun 15, 1942, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois[1478]

Children of LALA MCNEELY and WILLARD PARKER are:
i. LIVING[8] PARKER[1479].
ii. LIVING PARKER[1479].

159. LUCY ELLEN[7] MCNEELY *(LURA[6] BOAZ, THOMAS DICK[5], MARTHA[4] EVERS, JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[1479]. She married JAMES KENNETH TYLER[1479] and were divorced Jun 1976 in Santa Clara, California[1480].

Children of LUCY MCNEELY and JAMES TYLER are:
i. JAMES ALAN[8] TYLER[1481].
ii. STEVEN KENNETH TYLER[1481].

160. MARY SUE[7] MCNEELY *(LURA[6] BOAZ, THOMAS DICK[5], MARTHA[4] EVERS, JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[1481]. She married EDWARD FREDERICK SOLLIDAY[1481], son of MILLER. He was born Jan 13, 1918 in Illinois[1482], and died May 07, 1992[1483] in Monterey, California[1482].

More About EDWARD FREDERICK SOLLIDAY:
Arrival: Mar 20, 1956, New York, New York[1484]
Departure: Bremerhaven, Germany[1484]

SSN issued: Colorado[1485]

Child of MARY MCNEELY and EDWARD SOLLIDAY is:
i. LIVING[8] SOLLIDAY[1486].

161. GWENDOLINE[7] STARKS *(HERBERT GARFIELD[6], LOUISA ELIZABETH[5] COPLAND, DELPHIA CAROLINE[4] EVERS, JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Sep 19, 1909, and died May 05, 1982. She married ROLLIE IRA HELMIG. He was born Oct 05, 1906, and died Mar 04, 1994.

Children of GWENDOLINE STARKS and ROLLIE HELMIG are:
i. HERBERT FREDRICK[8] HELMIG, b. Jan 20, 1929.
ii. STEVEN RAY HELMIG, b. Mar 24, 1947; d. Mar 21, 1996.

162. LYDA EVERS[7] BURRADELL *(VERNA VALORA[6] EVERS, JAMES PRYOR[5], WILLIAM HENRY WARREN[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[1487,1488,1489] was born Nov 17, 1912 in Marshall County, Kentucky[1490], and died Aug 1981 in Tulsa, Tulsa County, Oklahoma[1491]. She married EARL L. JR. BEARD[1491,1492] Jul 22, 1935 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He was born Aug 31, 1912 in Hominy, Oklahoma[1493,1494], and died Apr 28, 1975 in Tulsa, Tulsa County, Oklahoma[1495].

More About LYDA EVERS BURRADELL:
Census: Feb 06, 1920, Tulsa, Tulsa County, Oklahoma[1496]
SSN issued: Oklahoma[1497]

More About EARL L. JR. BEARD:
Burial: Memorial Park, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Census: 1920, Hominy, Osage County, Oklahoma[1498]
SSN issued: Oklahoma[1499]

Children of LYDA BURRADELL and EARL BEARD are:
i. BELINDA[8] BEARD, b. Mar 04, 1940.
ii. BETSY ANN BEARD, b. Nov 09, 1949.
iii. ROBERT EARL BEARD, m. KATHLEEN A. MCQUADE, Nov 20, 1956, Tulsa, Oklahoma[1500].

163. MARTHA FRANCES[7] BURRADELL *(VERNA VALORA[6] EVERS, JAMES PRYOR[5], WILLIAM HENRY WARREN[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[1501] was born Jun 27, 1919 in Kentucky. She married FRANCIS RUGER DEJARNETTE[1502,1503] Jan 13, 1937, son of FRANK DEJARNETTE and ERMA DEJARNETTE. He was born Feb 13, 1919 in Oklahoma[1504], and died Oct 1980 in Tulsa, Tulsa County, Oklahoma[1504].

More About MARTHA FRANCES BURRADELL:
Census: Feb 06, 1920, Tulsa, Tulsa County, Oklahoma[1505]

More About FRANCIS RUGER DEJARNETTE:
Burial: Oct 15, 1980, Rose Hill Cemetery, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Cause of Death: Heart Attack
Military service: Army, PFC under General Patton in the Tank Corp.
Occupation: Owned a Pier Drill Company
Census: 1930, Tulsa, Tulsa County, Oklahoma[1506]
SSN issued: Oklahoma[1507]

Children of MARTHA BURRADELL and FRANCIS DEJARNETTE are:

i. DON FRANCIS[8] DEJARNETTE, b. Jan 20, 1943.
ii. JAMES FRANK DEJARNETTE, b. Feb 17, 1947.

164. JAMES TAYLOR[7] EVERS *(WILLIAM PLEASANT VALENTINE[6], JAMES PRYOR[5], WILLIAM HENRY WARREN[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[1507] was born Jul 29, 1912 in Illinois[1507], and died Jul 15, 1996 in Neptune, Monmouth County, New Jersey[1508,1509]. He married MARY JANE DAVIDSON Mar 30, 1940. She was born Sep 04, 1918 in Sault Ste. Marie, Chippewa County, Michigan.

Notes for JAMES TAYLOR EVERS:
Places of birth has been listed as Illinois, New Jersey, Ohio on the census. James' father was a physician in Southern Illinois prior to WWI and this could be the place of his birth.
Cause of Death: Cancer of the Prostrate
Census: Jan 17, 1920, Dover, Fulton County, Ohio
Residence: 1996, Neptune, Monmouth County, New Jersey
SSN issued: New Jersey[1509]

Children of JAMES EVERS and MARY DAVIDSON are:

i. SALLY JANE[8] EVERS, b. Sep 11, 1942; m. GERALD WEILER.
ii. NANCY JANE EVERS, b. Aug 27, 1944; d. Nov 16, 1944.
214. iii. BARBARA JANE EVERS, b. Oct 01, 1945.
215. iv. WILLIAM DAVIDSON EVERS, b. May 03, 1947.
v. HELEN JANE EVERS, b. Oct 15, 1950.
216. vi. SUSAN JANE EVERS, b. Jun 05, 1955.

165. LAURA JANE[7] EVERS *(WILLIAM PLEASANT VALENTINE[6], JAMES PRYOR[5], WILLIAM HENRY WARREN[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Dec 01, 1916 in Tedrow, Fulton County, Ohio[1510], and died Mar 23, 1996 in Wauseon, Fulton County, Ohio[1510]. She married (1) JAMES ALVIN JR. BOHANNON Mar 07, 1936 in Franklin, Kentucky. She married (2) BLAISDELL MYERS KULL[1511.1512.1513.1514] Sep 27, 1940 in Wauseon, Fulton County, Ohio, son of IRVING KULL and NELLIE MYERS. He was born Aug 24, 1915 in Beloit, Wisconsin[1514], and died Jan 30, 1991 in Ohio[1514].

Notes for LAURA JANE EVERS:
Laura was a volunteer for the American Cancer Society for several years, an avid bridge player when younger and a member of several bridge clubs.
Also, she was a member of Eastern Starr, Wauseon BPW, Bridge Clubs, Tuesday Club, Shakespeare Club, Gamma Phi Beta Sorority and Lady Elks. Cause of Death: Respiratory Failure due to COPD, Emphysema
Census: Jan 17, 1920, Dover, Fulton County, Ohio
Education 1: May 31, 1937, Wauseon High School, Fulton County, Ohio
Education 2: Attended Vanderbilt University, Tennessee & Davis Business College
Medical Information: Heavy smoker for years until her death. Skin cancers removed.
Occupation: Co-owner of Kull's Photographic Studio, Wauseon, Ohio
Social Security Number: Issued in Ohio[1515]

Marriage Notes for LAURA EVERS and JAMES BOHANNON:
Al & Laura met as students at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee and were married at the end of Laura's sophomore year at Vanderbilt. They were

divorced Dec 2, 1937.

Notes for BLAISDELL MYERS KULL:
As per Laura Schultes notes.
Blaisdell was born in Beloit, Wisconsin but grew up in New Brunswick, New Jersey. Attended school and graduated from New Brunswick High School. Ran track and cross-country for the high school and won several medals, set school and area records in track. Graduated from Rutgers university, 12 June 1938 in New Brunswick, New Jersey. While at Rutgers, was affiliated with Delta Upsilon Fraternity. Served in the Army, Signal Corp, during World War II, honorable discharge with the rank of Technical 4th grade (T/4). Inducted into the Army 18 Feb 1943 and discharged 8 Dec 1945. Spent most of the service in CBI theater. Was in business for self as a photographer, had a studio in Wauseon, Ohio. He lived in Wauseon from the time he was discharged from the Army until his death. He did portraits, weddings, commercial photography, was a Toledo Blade contributing photographer, and just about anything else dealing with photography. He was a member of the Masons, Knights Templar, Shriners, Elk's Lodge, Delta Upsilon Fraternity, American Legion & Lions Club.

More About BLAISDELL MYERS KULL:
Cause of Death: Metastatic Melanoma Clarks Level IV (dx 7/89) Autopsy Report[1516]
Census: 1930, Highland Park, Middlesex, New Jersey[1517]
Education: Jun 12, 1938, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ
Military: Feb 18, 1943, Toledo, Ohio[1518]
Residence: 1991, Wauseon, Fulton County, Ohio[1519]
SSN issued: New Jersey[1520]

Marriage Notes for LAURA EVERS and BLAISDELL KULL:
Laura & Blaisdell were married in a garden ceremony at the home of W.P.V. & Ethel Lurline Evers.

Children of LAURA EVERS and BLAISDELL KULL are:
217. i. MARTHA LURLINE[8] KULL, b. Jan 17, 1942, Wauseon, Fulton County, Ohio.
218. ii. LAURA MAY KULL, b. Jul 18, 1943, Wauseon, Fulton County, Ohio.

166. JAMES LEVEL[7] FEEZOR *(JAMES THOMAS[6], SUSIE WILLIAM JOHNSON[5] EVERS, WILLIAM HENRY WARREN[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Jun 01, 1918 in Kentucky, and died Mar 1964 in Illinois. He married ODESSA LAWRENCE.

Children of JAMES FEEZOR and ODESSA LAWRENCE are:

i. REGINALD[8] FEEZOR.
ii. ROCKY FEEZOR.
iii. LIVING3 FEEZOR.

167. EDGAR LEE[7] FEEZOR *(JAMES THOMAS[6], SUSIE WILLIAM JOHNSON[5] EVERS, WILLIAM HENRY WARREN[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*

Notes for EDGAR LEE FEEZOR:
Edgar Lee Feezor - Reno Gazette - June 15, 2006
Edgar Lee Feezor passed away peacefully June 11, 2006 at Manor Care after a lengthy illness. He was 85 years old. Ed was born to Thomas James and Nora Lee (Kaler) Feezor, August 1, 1920 in Graves County, Kentucky. He enjoyed boxing in his youth, and was a scrappy athlete. He joined the Navy in 1939 and served in WWII. He was in the South Pacific, at Okinawa and Iwo Jima. He was one of the youngest men to be a Chief Pharmacist Mate, obtaining that position at age 23. Ed thoroughly enjoyed his Navy career. After being Honorably Discharged from the Navy, he returned to his home town of Herrin, Illinois. He met and married Judie Guthrie, and they had two children, Odi and Libbi, after moving to Des Moines, IA. Ed was a salesman all his life, selling everything from real estate to jewelry and specializing in automobiles. Ed had a very charming personality and loved his family. In 1962 he married the former Ruby M. Scull. They had a long and happy marriage of over forty years. Ruby, ?Nannie", passed away in 1998. They had lived in Las Vegas and watched the city grow for over forty years. March 2004 Ed moved to Sparks to be closer to Libbi and her family. He was a resident of Alterra Wynwood, a few blocks away. Ed was preceded in death by his parents; his older brother Jimmy; step-sons Reed and Robert; and his precious wife Ruby. Ed is survived by his children: Odi Feezor (Christine) of Bonita Springs, Florida; Libbi Galbraith (Greg) of Sparks; grandchildren: Beau Feezor Galbraith, of Sparks; Alisha Elizabeth Feezor of the US Army, stationed in Hawaii; Lindi Lee Galbraith of Las Vegas; and Erin Nicolena Feezor of Naples, Florida. He is also

survived by his former daughter-in-law Candida Sario Feezor; his former wife Judie DaCastello; his sister Wilma Lowe, and many nieces and nephews. His family would like to thank the folks at Alterra Wynwood, who watched out after and be-friended him; and the staff at Manor Care, who took such good care of him, especially Dr. Gingold and his speech therapist Christy Fermoile, and all the wonderful nurses and aids. Bless you all! Ed was loved and will be missed. Rest in Peace, Dad Graveside Services will be held on Wednesday, June 14 at 2:00 pm at Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Fernley with Military Honors.

Children of EDGAR LEE FEEZOR are:

i. LIBBY[8] FEEZOR.
ii. ODDIE FEEZOR.

168. WILMA[7] FEEZOR *(JAMES THOMAS[6], SUSIE WILLIAM JOHNSON[5] EVERS, WILLIAM HENRY WARREN[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* She married (1) DUBAN GENTRY. She married (2) JIM LOWE.

Children of WILMA FEEZOR and DUBAN GENTRY are:

i. DEBORAH[8] GENTRY.
ii. PAMELA KAY GENTRY.

Children of WILMA FEEZOR and JIM LOWE are:

iii. JAMIE[8] LOWE.
iv. MERILEE LOWE.
v. PATRICIA LOWE.

169. HELEN KATHLEEN[7] BROWN *(ANNIE MAE[6] FEEZOR, SUSIE WILLIAM JOHNSON[5] EVERS, WILLIAM HENRY WARREN[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[1521] was born Nov 26, 1921 in Boaz, Graves County, Kentucky[1523], and died Nov 01, 2001 in Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee[1524]. She married WILLIAM HARDY JR. HOUSMAN Dec 25, 1946 in Mayfield, Graves County, Kentucky, son of WILLIAM HOUSMAN and LILLIAN WRIGHT. He was born Nov 07, 1918, and died Apr 18, 1975.

More About HELEN KATHLEEN BROWN:
Census: 1930, Mayfield, Graves, Kentucky[1525]

SSN issued: Kentucky[1526]

Children of HELEN BROWN and WILLIAM HOUSMAN are:

i. WILLIAM HARDY III[8] HOUSMAN[1527], b. Apr 15, 1948, Graves, Kentucky[1527].
ii. PERRY BROWN HOUSMAN, b. Nov 20, 1954; m. MARILYN JANETTE ROBINSON.

170. MARGUERIETE ELIZABETH[7] MOORE *(GRACIE[6] FEEZOR, SUSIE WILLIAM JOHNSON[5] EVERS, WILLIAM HENRY WARREN[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[1527,1528] was born Sep 09, 1922 in Graves County, Kentucky[1529]. She married ROBERT GLENN KINNEY[1530] Mar 15, 1941 in Charleston, Missouri, son of BENJAMIN KINNEY and BERTIE THOMPSON. He was born Apr 17, 1918.

Child of MARGUERIETE MOORE and ROBERT KINNEY is:

i. GLENDA KAY[8] KINNEY, b. Jan 08, 1947.

171. DORTHEA LOUISE[7] VAUGHAN *(RESSIE MARION[6] GREEN, FRANCIS MARION[5], LOUISA HELLEN[4] EVERS, JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Dec 24, 1916, and died Jul 30, 1974. She married HARMON BERTREY SUMMERVILLE. He was born Jan 25, 1915, and died Jul 22, 1974 in Pontiac, Oakland County, Michigan[1531].

Children of DORTHEA VAUGHAN and HARMON SUMMERVILLE are:

i. STELLA[8] SUMMERVILLE, m. RUBE CLAYTON STEFFEY, Dec 30, 1972 divorced 1978.
ii. MARY SUMMERVILLE.
iii. BILLY WAYNE SUMMERVILLE.
Burial: Veterans Section Cemetery, Michigan

172. OWEN G.[7] VAUGHAN *(RESSIE MARION[6] GREEN, FRANCIS MARION[5], LOUISA HELLEN[4] EVERS, JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born 1918, and died 1991. He married EDNA MOHLER.

Children of OWEN VAUGHAN and EDNA MOHLER are:

i. R.D.[8] VAUGHAN.
ii. MAX VAUGHAN.
iii. JESSIE VAUGHAN.

173. WILMA CECIL[7] VAUGHAN *(RESSIE MARION[6] GREEN, FRANCIS MARION[5], LOUISA HELLEN[4] EVERS, JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Oct 08, 1922 in Kentucky, and died Jun 06, 1945 in Mayfield, Graves County, Kentucky[1532]. She married ARDIE B. SPEED.

More About WILMA CECIL VAUGHAN:
Burial: Jun 09, 1945, Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Kentucky
Cause of Death: Uremia for 2 weeks due to post partum infection.
Medical Information: Informant was Ardie B. Speed, husband.

Children of WILMA VAUGHAN and ARDIE SPEED are:
i. MARION[8] SPEED.
ii. ANN SPEED.

174. MARGARET LUCILLE[7] MCINTIRE *(FLOSSIE MAY[6] EVERS, JAMES OLIVER[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Mar 28, 1925 in Pulaski County, Illinois. She married WILLIAM SOUTH.

Notes for MARGARET LUCILLE MCINTIRE:
Margaret and William resided in Carbondale, Illinois for many years and spent several years in retirement in Florida. She currently (2007) resides close to her children near Atlanta, Georgia.

More About WILLIAM SOUTH:
Occupation: Attorney, later Judge in Carbondale, Illinois

Children of MARGARET MCINTIRE and WILLIAM SOUTH are:
i. STEVE[8] SOUTH.
ii. JOHN SOUTH.
iii. SHARON SOUTH.

175. ORPHA MILDRED[7] MCINTIRE *(FLOSSIE MAY[6] EVERS, JAMES OLIVER[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Feb 11, 1927 in Pulaski County, Illinois, and died Nov 23, 2001 in Riverton, Sangamon County, Illinois. She married WILLIAM CALDWELL.

Notes for ORPHA MILDRED MCINTIRE:

Mildred & William had four children and she lived near one, Jayne, in Riverton, Illinois for most of her adult life. She was employed by the State of Illinois.

More About ORPHA MILDRED MCINTIRE:
Name 2: Mildred M. Caldwell[1533]
Residence 1: Riverton, Sangamon, Illinois, USA[1534]
Census: 1930, New Grand Chain, Pulaski, Illinois[1535]
SSN issued: Illinois[1536]

Children of ORPHA MCINTIRE and WILLIAM CALDWELL are:
i. JAYNE[8] CALDWELL.
ii. LIVING CALDWELL.
iii. LIVING CALDWELL.
iv. LIVING CALDWELL.

176. JOAN EVERS[7] CLARY *(FLORA LUCY[6] EVERS, JAMES OLIVER[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Aug 10, 1933, and died May 20, 2007 in Weirsdale, Marion County, Florida. She married JOHN ROBERT CRISMAN Jun 28, 1952 in Harvey, Illinois.

Notes for JOAN EVERS CLARY:
Obit - Published in the Chicago Tribune on 5/27/2007.
Joan Crisman, nee Clary, age 73, of Weirsdale, Florida formerly of Thornton, Illinois died May 20, 2007. Beloved wife of the late John Robert; loving mother of Rebecca (Rod) Garvin, Roxanne, James (Tina); cherished grandmother of Nicole, Ashlee, Chelsea, John and Alexandria Garvin, Matthew and Tyler Crisman; great-grandmother, of Jackson Stewart. Memorial service Sunday, June 3rd at 12 p.m. at CD & ME 23320 S. LaGrange, Frankfort, Illinois.

More About JOAN EVERS CLARY:
SSN issued: Illinois[1536]

Children of JOAN CLARY and JOHN CRISMAN are:
219. i. REBECCA[8] CRISMAN.
ii. ROXANNE CRISMAN.
Roxanne lives in Ocala, Florida.
iii. JAMES CRISMAN, m. TINA.

Jim and family lives in the Chicago, Illinois area.

177. SUE CAROLYN[7] CARAKER *(CLARA HESTER[6] EVERS, JAMES OLIVER[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Sep 23, 1934 in Illinois[1537], and died May 28, 1980. She married WILLIAM EUGENE GLISTA. He was born Aug 19, 1934, and died Aug 10, 2003 in Miamisburg, Montgomery County, Ohio[1538].

More About SUE CAROLYN CARAKER:
Burial: Aft. May 1980, Lower Salem Methodist Cemetery, Massac County, Illinois[1539]
SSN issued: Illinois[1540]

More About WILLIAM EUGENE GLISTA:
Burial: Aft. Aug 10, 2003, Lower Salem Methodist Cemetery, Massac County, Illinois[1541]
Military Service: Corporal US Army, Korea
SSN issued: Illinois[1542]

Children of SUE CARAKER and WILLIAM GLISTA are:

i. BILLIE[8] GLISTA.
ii. KATHY GLISTA.
iii. JONATHAN GLISTA.
iv. JENNIFER GLISTA.

178. PATRICIA EILEEN[7] EVERS *(JIMMIE[6], JAMES OLIVER[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Feb 26, 1938 in Decatur, Macon County, Illinois, and died Aug 30, 1981 in St. Louis, Missouri. She married BERNARD FRANCES O'DONNELL Apr 11, 1959 and divorced Nov 1972.

Notes for PATRICIA EILEEN EVERS:
Death Obit, Patricia O'Donnell, Centralia Sentinel, September 1981
Patricia E. Evers O'Donnell, 43, of Florissant, Mo., formerly of Centralia, dies Sunday in St. Louis. She was born in Decatur, daughter of Jimmie J. and Ruth (Hoyer) Evers. Survivors include her parents of Richland, Michigan, until

recently of Centralia, two sons Patrick and Jeffrey at home, a daughter Anne O'Donnell, at home, two sisters, Barbara Loughman of Richland, Michigan and Nancy Evers of Cincinnati, Ohio.
Mrs. O'Donnell was a registered nurse and worked at the Normandy Osteopathic Hospital North in St. Louis. She graduated from the Centralia grade and high schools and from Jewish Hospital School of Nursing in St. Louis. She lived in Centralia until she was 18 and after that she lived in the St. Louis area. Funeral services will be held tomorrow at 9 a.m. at Math Herman and Son Funeral home, 10212 Hall Ferry Road, St. Louis. Friends may call from 3 to 9 p.m. today. Graveside services will be held in Hillcrest Memorial Park at Centralia tomorrow at 11:30 a.m. with the Rev. Edwin Evans, Presbyterian, officiating. There will be no local visitation. Luer Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements.
SSN issued: Missouri[1542]

Children of PATRICIA EVERS and BERNARD O'DONNELL are:
220. i. PATRICK TIMOTHY[8] O'DONNELL, b. Aug 11, 1960.
221. ii. JEFFREY LAWRENCE O'DONNELL, b. Aug 26, 1963.
222. iii. ANNE MARIE O'DONNELL, b. Sep 15, 1966.

179. BARBARA ELLEN[7] EVERS *(JIMMIE[6], JAMES OLIVER[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Oct 26, 1940 in Frankfort, Indiana. She married (1) TERRY BEAVER LOUGHMAN 1962. He was born Jun 07, 1936 in Elkhart, Indiana, and died Aug 28, 1994 in Shawnee Mission, Johnson County, Kansas[1542]. She married (2) ROD LINDER Jan 05, 2009.

Notes for BARBARA ELLEN EVERS:
Barbara, along with her parents and sister, Patricia, became residents of Centralia in 1943. She graduated from Irving Grade School (1954) and Centralia Township High School in 1958. She attended the University of Illinois graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree of February 1962. She relocated to Elkhart, Indiana and worked for Miles Laboratories. While in Elkhart for the next 10 years, she met and married Terry Beaver Loughman (1962) a lifelong resident of Elkhart; had two children, Lance Evers Loughman (December 9, 1964) and Chad Elliott Loughman (March 9, 1970). She pursued a doctoral degree in Microbiology and Immunology from the University of Notre Dame, graduating in 1972. She accepted a Fellowship at the National Institute of Health, relocating her

family to the Washington/Baltimore area in 1972. At that time her husband, Terry, established himself as a horseman owning, training and racing American Standard bred horses. After the completion of her fellowship, she and her family relocated to Kalamazoo (Richland) Michigan where she and her husband worked for the Upjohn Company. Over the next 25 years she held positions in several pharmaceutical companies at various levels in research and development and executive management. In 1998, after the death of her husband, she and her mother, Ruth, relocated to the Cincinnati area (West Chester) where they share a home with her sister, Nancy Evers. Barbara is currently president of a small start-up biopharmaceutical company operating out of West Chester, Ohio and Riverside, California.

More About TERRY BEAVER LOUGHMAN:
Cause of Death: Multiple Myeloma for 28 months
SSN issued: Indiana[1542]

Notes for ROD LINDER:
Rod attended Centralia High School and played basketball & football under Coach Jimmie Evers. Rod & Barbara became reacquainted at her 50th class reunion in 2008.

Children of BARBARA EVERS and TERRY LOUGHMAN are:
223. i. LANCE EVERS[8] LOUGHMAN, b. Dec 09, 1964, Indiana.
224. ii. CHAD ELLIOTT LOUGHMAN, b. Mar 09, 1970, Indiana.

180. GEORGIA ANN[7] EVERS *(JAMES PAUL[6], LUTHER LAFAYETTE[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Mar 22, 1934 in Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois[1543]. She married (1) HENRY OVERTURF 1951. She married (2) EARL H. WIEDEMAN Jul 04, 1958. She married (3) RALPH L. BLUE Aug 16, 1986.

Notes for GEORGIA ANN EVERS:
Georgia Ann Evers, born March 22, 1934, Metropolis, IL. Married Henry Overturf in 1951, married Earl H. Wiedeman July 4, 1958, and married Ralph L. Blue August 16, 1986. After 22 years, Georgia retired from Smith-Victor Corporation where she filled multiple jobs in the purchasing department, as well

as full time receptionist and secretary. Ralph is a retired mechanic having learned his skills while on his grandfather's farm and serving in the Marine Air Corp. Children are James Paul Overturf Wiedeman, Teresa Ann Wiedeman, Glenn Earl Wiedeman and Stewart Edward Wiedeman. James Paul was born August 15, 1952, to Georgia and Henry Overturf. James Paul was adopted by Earl Wiedeman after he and Georgia was married. James Paul married Jackie Merwin, November 19, 1982. James Paul and Jackie have two children, Georgia Moriah, born January 2, 1985 and Aubrey James born September 26, 1989. Jackie's daughter Trena Irene was born May 1, 1982 and adopted by James Paul after their marriage. Teresa Ann Wiedeman was born March 25, 1959. She has a daughter Rachael Nicole Wright, born October 20, 1977.
Glenn Earl Wiedeman was born January 13, 1961 and married Charlotte Federowski, June 14, 1997. Charlotte brought to the marriage three daughters, Bonnie and Connie born April 11, 1977 and Mary, born December 19, 1978. Stewart Edward Wiedeman was born February 4, 1962 and married Rena Crisp, November 4, 1987. They have two sons, Paul Edward Robert born February 23, 1996 and Sean Glenn Wiedeman, born July 11, 2001.

Child of GEORGIA EVERS and HENRY OVERTURF is:
225. i. JAMES PAUL OVERTURF[8] WIEDEMAN, b. Aug 15, 1952.

Children of GEORGIA EVERS and EARL WIEDEMAN are:
226. ii. TERESA ANN[8] WIEDEMAN, b. Mar 25, 1959.
227. iii. GLENN EARL WIEDEMAN, b. Jan 13, 1961.
228. iv. STEWART EDWARD WIEDEMAN, b. Feb 04, 1962.

181. JANICE KAY[7] EVERS *(JAMES PAUL[6], LUTHER LAFAYETTE[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Jul 08, 1946 in Cairo, Alexander County, Illinois. She married STAN BRINKER Sep 12, 1964.

Notes for JANICE KAY EVERS:
Janice Kay Evers was born July 8, 1946 in Cairo, Illinois the daughter of James Paul Evers and Jeanette Florence Kennedy Evers. Janice married Stan Brinker on September 12, 1964 and they had two sons, Bruce and Jeff. Bruce Lynn, born March 15, 1967, married Nichole Faber, and their children are Ross, Jacob

and Nathan. Jeffery Keith, born April 1969, married Kristin Peterson and their children are Clay and Callie.

Janice managed a custom interior design business while in Virginia. Being a military family required many moves yet Janice kept everything running smooth while she pursued a career in décor and retail. Starting yet another career, they became partners of a motel in the Florida Keys. Two Thousand and Eight, Janice and Stan settled in Alabama where they live on a beautiful lake and still can work with NASA.

Notes for STAN BRINKER:

Stan was in the centerfold of the March 1963 Sports Illustrated while playing basketball for Mississippi State. Stan was honored in March 2008 along with the other players and coaches involved in one of the Top 25 Defining Moments in the first 100-year history of the NCAA. His team and coach defied a court order that said they could not leave the state to compete against opponents that had African-American on the roster. His Mississippi Bulldogs, who were the Southeastern Conference basketball champions, sneaked out of town to play the Chicago Loyola team that started four black players and eventually won the 1963 national championship. While Stan was serving in the Air Force stationed at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. and Andrews AF Base, the family saw history being made first hand. Sightings of Presidents Lyndon Johnson, Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Ronald Reagan, and George Bush were part of living in the area. Working as a procurement officer, Stan had been chief of contracts for the Air Force's F-15 fighter plane and AF representative to the F-16 consortium consisting of U.S., Belgium, Denmark and Norway. He also worked on the Star Wars Program that eventually helped bring down the Berlin Wall. Seeing the Russian Flag and the American Flag fly side by side during the meetings of Gorbachev and President Reagan was quite a sight to adults who were raised during the cold war. Going to Inaugural Parades and the stories you learn living next door to some of the men on the Presidential Secret Service staff was interesting. While residing in Bradenton, Florida, Stan continued working with NASA on the replacement of the current Space Shuttles.

Children of JANICE EVERS and STAN BRINKER are:

229. i. BRUCE LYNN[8] BRINKER, b. Mar 15, 1967.

230. ii. JEFFREY KEITH BRINKER, b. Apr 1969.

182. BYRON LYNN[7] EVERS *(JAMES PAUL[6], LUTHER LAFAYETTE[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Jan 22, 1948 in Cairo, Alexander County, Illinois. He married BRENDA S. BALDRIDGE 1977 in Muskogee, Oklahoma. She was born Sep 09, 1950.

Notes for BYRON LYNN EVERS:
Byron Lynn was born January 22, 1948 in Cairo, Illinois. Byron married Brenda S. Baldridge Krieg (born September 9, 1950) in 1977 in Muskogee, Oklahoma. Both are longtime journalist and educators, currently living in Grand Junction, Colorado. Brenda was Colorado Language Arts Teacher of the Year in 1999, and currently teaches at Fruita-Monument High School. Byron is a professor and director of the Mass Communication program at Mesa State College, and twice nominated for Distinguished Faculty Award. Byron built a 1929 Model A Ford with a rotary engine that won the National Street Rod Association's Best Engineered Award in 1976, when there were 3,600 hot rods participating. He is an avid big game hunter, and a Huntmaster with the Colorado Division of Wildlife. He received his bachelor and master degrees in journalism at Murray (Kentucky) State University, where he was a Sigma Chi. He did his doctoral studies at the University of Oklahoma. Byron and Brenda have four children: Rebecca Michelle Krieg Sherwood, Lloyd James Evers, Justin Lee Evers, and Westley Brian Evers.

Notes for BRENDA S. BALDRIDGE:
Brenda received her bachelor and master degrees at Northwestern Oklahoma State University. Brenda's great grandfather Bluford Baldridge was elected sheriff and a senator of Sequoyah District Cherokee Nation in 1875. Brenda had one child, Rebecca Michelle Krieg, with her first husband Ronald Krieg, who died in Vietnam.

Children of BYRON EVERS and BRENDA BALDRIDGE are:

231. i. REBECCA MICHELLE[8] KRIEG, b. Jul 03, 1971, Muskogee, Oklahoma.
232. ii. LLOYD JAMES EVERS, b. Nov 27, 1977, Muskogee, Oklahoma.
iii. JUSTIN LEE EVERS, b. Jan 09, 1981, Shawnee, Oklahoma; m. REBECCA JOSEPHINE LOPEZ, Sep 18, 2004, Seattle, King County, Washington; b. Oct 01, 1974.

Notes for JUSTIN LEE EVERS:
Justin Lee Evers was born January 9, 1981 in Shawnee, Oklahoma and married Rebecca Josephine Lopez, who was born October 1, 1974, in Seattle, Washington on September 18, 2004. Justin works with a marketing firm and Rebecca is with Starbucks.

iv. WESTLEY BRIAN EVERS, b. Jun 11, 1992, Grand Junction, Colorado.

183. MARY JIM[7] SHELTON *(MARY FRANCES[6] EVERS, LUTHER LAFAYETTE[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Nov 28, 1935 in Massac County, Illinois. She married GAYLORD HALLAM PARKER 1953, son of HARVEY PARKER and DELLA HALLAM. He was born Nov 02, 1933 in West Frankfort, Franklin County, Illinois, and died Feb 08, 1990 in Chandler, Henderson County, Texas.

More About GAYLORD HALLAM PARKER:
Burial: 1990, Massac Memorial Gardens, Massac County, Illinois
Social Security Number: Bef. 1951, Issued in Illinois

Children of MARY SHELTON and GAYLORD PARKER are:

233. i. LYNN ANN[8] PARKER, b. Nov 16, 1954, McCracken County, Kentucky.
234. ii. STUART WADE PARKER, b. Aug 06, 1963, Massac County, Illinois.

184. CYNTHIA SUE[7] EVERS *(ROLLAND[6], LUTHER LAFAYETTE[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born May 12, 1937 in Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois[1544]. She married (1) JAMES HOWARD YATES Mar 05, 1955 and divorced 1978. James was born Jan 31, 1936. Married (2) Ronald W. Sumner, b. Jul 10, 1932, d.Mar 1, 2006.

Children of CYNTHIA EVERS and JAMES YATES are:

235. i. EVELYN CHRISTINE[8] YATES, b. Nov 17, 1956.
ii. ELIZABETH CATHERINE YATES, b. Feb 10, 1959; m. JACKIE RANDELL HOOKER[1545], May 18, 1995; b. Jul 10, 1946[1548], McCracken, Kentucky[1546]; d. Jul 02, 2006, West Paducah, McCracken, Kentucky[1547].

Notes for JACKIE RANDELL HOOKER:
The Paducah Sun - Tuesday, July 04, 2006
Services for Jackie Randell Hooker, 59, of West Paducah will be at 5 p.m.

Wednesday, July 5, 2006, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah, with Pastor Mike Duncan officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Memorial Gardens. Mr. Hooker died at 6:20 p.m. Sunday, July 2, 2006, at his home.
A lifelong resident of Paducah, Mr. Hooker was a 1965 graduate of Paducah Tilghman High School. He retired with more than 35 years of service with Plumbers and Steamfitters Local No. 184. He was a member of First Christian Church-Disciples of Christ in Metropolis, Illinois.
Mr. Hooker is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Yates Hooker; two children, Aimee Michelle Thompson and Gerald Randell "Randy" Hooker, both of Paducah; four grandchildren, Katelin and Kisten Thompson, and Amanda and Hallie Hooker; his mother and stepfather, Thelma Marie (Stewart) and Herman Mitchell of Reidland; one sister, Nadine Hultz of Simpsonville, S.C.; two half sisters, Pam Blackburn and Sonja Ryan, both of Paducah; one brother, Carman Hooker of Paducah; three stepbrothers, Gary Mitchell of Paducah, and Monty Mitchell and Jerry Mitchell, both of Michigan.
Mr. Hooker was preceded in death by his father, Paul Lane Hooker.
Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 4, 2006, at Milner & Orr Funeral Home of Paducah.
Cause of Death: Liver Cancer
SSN issued: Kentucky[1549]

236. iii. ELAINE CATHLEEN YATES, b. Aug 18, 1961.

185. ANN ELIZABETH[7] EVERS *(ROLLAND[6], LUTHER LAFAYETTE[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Apr 13, 1939 in Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois[1550]. She married (1) BUD DRESSER and then divorced. She married (2) CHARLES EICHORN Dec 09, 1991.

Child of ANN EVERS and BUD DRESSER is:

237. i. PATRICK JONAS[8] DRESSER, b. Dec 02, 1964.

186. DANIEL ROLLAND[7] EVERS *(ROLLAND[6], LUTHER LAFAYETTE[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Jun 05, 1940 in Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois[1550]. He married (1) CONNIE JEANNINE BARNES Apr 16, 1960 and then divorced. He married (2) JEANNA WELLS BROCK Oct 12, 2002. She was born Apr 22, 1968. Jeanna brought two sons into the marriage (1) Wells Colton Brock, b. Aug 31, 1994; (2) Dalton Taylor Brock, b. Sep 24, 1996.

Child of DANIEL EVERS and CONNIE BARNES is:

238. i. LUCINDA JEANNINE[8] EVERS, b. Oct 19, 1961.

187. JOSEPH BAYLESS[7] BRYANT *(STELSA ETHEL[6] EVERS, LUTHER LAFAYETTE[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Apr 19, 1939 in Joppa, Massac County, Illinois. He married VIRGINIA SCHAFFER Jul 29, 1959 in Eldorado, Saline County, Illinois.

Children of JOSEPH BRYANT and VIRGINIA SCHAFFER are:

239. i. CHRISTOPHER KELL[8] BRYANT, b. May 24, 1960, Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois.
ii. SHERRI JO BRYANT, b. May 13, 1962, Louisiana, Pike County, Missouri.
240. iii. MELISSA KAY BRYANT, b. Jan 29, 1964, Louisiana, Pike County, Missouri.

188. VIVI FRANCES[7] DE VITA *(HELEN ANN[6] EVERS, LUTHER LAFAYETTE[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Nov 11, 1949. She married SHAWN MICHAEL GARLAND[1551] Jun 23, 1979 in Miami - Dade County, Florida[1552]. He was born Jan 24, 1949, and died Apr 29, 2003.

Notes for SHAWN MICHAEL GARLAND:
Miami Herald, The (FL) - May 2, 2003
GARLAND SHAWN M., 54, Beloved husband and father, passed from death into eternal life on April 29, 2003. He is survived by Vivi, his wife of 24 years; daughter Shawna Carey; sons, Donovan James, Shannon James; brothers, Ronald James, and Charles James, 8 grandchildren. Services were held.

More About SHAWN MICHAEL GARLAND:
Residence: Miami, Miami-Dade County, Florida[1553]
SSN issued: California[1554]

Child of VIVI DE VITA and SHAWN GARLAND is:

241. i. SHAWNA[8] GARLAND, b. Dec 07, 1979.

189. JAMES ALLEN[7] DE VITA *(HELEN ANN[6] EVERS, LUTHER LAFAYETTE[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Dec 06, 1956. He married (1) GRACE ELIZABETH BERMAN Aug 27, 1978 in Broward County, Florida[1555] and divorced Oct 4, 1983 in Broward County,

Florida. He married (2) GINA MARIE LEWIS Oct 28, 1997 in Broward County, Florida.

Child of JAMES DE VITA and GRACE BERMAN is:
i. JACOB[8] DE VITA, b. May 21, 1979, Florida.

Child of JAMES DE VITA and GINA LEWIS is:
ii. JESSIE LANE[8] DE VITA, b. Dec 11, 1997.

190. LUTHER ROBERT[7] EVERS *(LUTHER TREVELYN[6], LUTHER LAFAYETTE[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[1556] was born Feb 01, 1953. He married (1) ELIZABETH Bef. 1971 and divorced Dec 20, 1971 in Marion County, Florida. He married (2) GINA MARIE MONTONE Dec 09, 1983 in Marion County, Florida and divorced Dec 15, 1999 in Marion County, Florida.

Child of LUTHER EVERS and GINA MONTONE is:
i. NICHOLAS[8] EVERS, b. Aft. 1983.

191. JUSTINE NELL[7] EVERS *(LUTHER TREVELYN[6], LUTHER LAFAYETTE[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Aug 07, 1955. She married (1) GEORGE DAVID PRICE Feb 16, 1972 in Marion County, Florida and divorced Feb 26, 1980 in Marion County, Florida. She married (2) TRACY FREEMAN May 09, 1987.

Child of JUSTINE EVERS and GEORGE PRICE is:
242. i. ROBERT DAVID[8] PRICE, b. Jul 16, 1972, Ocala, Florida.

Children of JUSTINE EVERS and TRACY FREEMAN are:
ii. JUSTIN TOUSSAINT[8] FREEMAN, b. Jul 20, 1989, Ocala, Florida.
iii. TRACI CHARMINE DESIREE FREEMAN, b. Oct 21, 1992, Ocala, Florida.

192. PAUL DAVID[7] EVERS *(LUTHER TREVELYN[6], LUTHER LAFAYETTE[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Mar 15, 1959. He married LAURIE HOAGLAND Feb 15, 1986 in Hillsborough County, Florida[1557]. She was born Jul 10, 1963.

Children of PAUL EVERS and LAURIE HOAGLAND are:

i. ASHLEY RENEE[8] EVERS, b. May 07, 1991.
ii. CAROLINE MARIE EVERS, b. Aug 07, 1994.

193. STELSA EVELYN[7] EVERS *(LUTHER TREVELYN[6], LUTHER LAFAYETTE[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Jun 1962. She married VICTOR ALLEN CARTER May 25, 1984 in Marion County, Florida and divorced July 27, 200 in Marion County, Florida.

Children of STELSA EVERS and VICTOR CARTER are:

i. JESSICA[8] CARTER.
ii. AMANDA CARTER.

194. MARK HASTING[7] EVERS *(JOSEPH CALVIN CARR[6], LUTHER LAFAYETTE[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Sep 08, 1953 in Malden, Middlesex County, Massachusetts. He married MARY LOUISE PARKS Dec 06, 1975 in Social Brethern Church, Carrier Mills, Saline County, Illinois, daughter of REXALL PARKS and VELMA ROSE. She was born Feb 16, 1955 in Harrisburg, Saline County, Illinois.

Notes for MARK HASTING EVERS:
Mark entered the US Army in Jun 1975 and completed basic at Fort Lenoard Wood in Missouri. After basic Mark went to the Military Police school at Ft. McClellan in Anniston Alabama. Upon graduation he married Mary on 6 Dec 1975 and went to Fulda Federal Republic of Germany, Jan 1976 to Dec 1977, while there he gathered more war stories in two years than he would in several years of work for the State Police and he earned a German shooting medal, the Shutzenschuner in Bronze (forgive me if I didn't spell that right). The Army sent Mark to Ft. Knox in Jan 1978, a very quiet tour, Miriam was born there on 29 Sep 1978 and he was discharged in Nov 1978. In Mar 1979 Mark was accepted into the Illinois State Police Academy. Upon graduation Mark was assigned to District 8, Peoria, and lived in Roanoke. Justin was born at St Francis Hospital in Peoria 19 Jun 1980. Oct 1981 Mark transferred to District 19, Carmi, where he worked until his retirement in March 2005. While at D19 Mark served as a Juvenile officer, a Tactical officer(SWAT) and a Hazardous Materials officer. Mark enjoyed being a police officer but a combined stretch of service, MP & SP, of almost thirty

years was enough of taking chances on the street.

Mark joined the Coast Guard Reserve in 1981 and served at three different Marine Safety Offices- Peoria, Illinois, Paducah, Kentucky, and St Louis, Missouri. Mark worked in the Quad cities area during the 1993 flood and was twice, Sep 11, 2001 & when Operation Iraqi Freedom started in 2003, mobilized and sent to Port Arthur, Texas for four months each time. After retirement from the State Police, he volunteered for an active duty contract at the Special Missions Training Center on Camp Lejeune, North Carolina and had served there for two years. Mark & Mary moved to California to be closer to Miriam and her family for one year while son-in-law, Nathan, finished at the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, California.

More About MARK HASTING EVERS:
Census 1: 1980, Roanoke, Woodford County, Illinois
Census 2: 1990, McLeansboro, Hamilton County, Illinois
Census 3: 2000, McLeansboro, Hamilton County, Illinois
Degree: 1973, A. A. from Southeastern Illinois College, Harrisburg, Saline County, Illinois
Graduation: 1971, Roxanna High School, Roxanna, Illinois
Military service 1: Bet. 1975 - 1978, United States Army
Military service 2: Bet. 1980 - 2007, Reservist in United States Coast Guard
Military service 3: Bet. Jun 2005 - Dec 2007, USCG SMTC (Special Missions Training Center), Camp Lejeune, North Carolina
Occupation: Bet. 1979 - 2005, Illinois State Police Officer
Religion: Methodist
Retirement: Mar 31, 2005, Illinois State Police, District #19 Carmi, Illinois 27 years

Notes for MARY LOUISE PARKS:
Mary is the youngest of 8 children, her oldest sibling being 16 yrs old when she was born. She has fond childhood memories of playing outside with the neighbors and her older brothers. Ex. Playing tag with bicycles, neighborhood games in the street and not so fond memories of working in the several gardens that her father had around town. Older siblings complained about her being the baby of the

family with privileges she had that the older ones didn't have.
Mary's mother (Velma) became interested in genealogy after her husband (Rex) died in 1978. Also, her sisters (Rexaline & Judy) caught the genealogy bug then infected Mary's interest in it.
Census 1: 1960, Carrier Mills, Saline County, Illinois
Census 2: 1970, Carrier Mills, Saline County, Illinois
Census 3: 1980, Roanoke, Woodford County, Illinois
Census 4: 1990, McLeansboro, Hamilton County, Illinois
Census 5: 2000, McLeansboro, Hamilton County, Illinois
Degree 1: May 1976, Medical Laboratory Technician A.A.S., Southwestern Illinois Community College, Belleville, Illinois
Degree 2: May 1973, Carrier Mills - Stonefort Community High School, Carrier Mills, Illinois with High Honors
Degree 3: May 1985, B.S. Healthcare Management, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois
Hobby: Genealogy, Camping, Soap Making and Beading
Medical Information: diabetic - strong family history of diabetes
Namesake: Mary - after Aunt Mary (Rose) Robinson; Louise after my mother Velma Louise (Rose) Parks
Occupation 1: Medical Technologist (after B.S.)
Occupation 2: Bet. 2007 - 2008, Traveling Medical Technologist for traveling temps companies.
Religion: Methodist

Marriage Notes for MARK EVERS and MARY PARKS:
Mark's father performed the marriage vow's while Mary's minister, Reverend Clifford Bennett, performed the rest of the ceremony. Rev. Evers teased Mary that most of the brides would mess up the vows during the ceremony. I had memorized the vows till I looked at Dad Evers twinkling eyes, and then I stumbled 3 times saying them. I finally gave up and went on. Maid of Honor was my niece, Debbie Benson, Bride's maid was Mark's sister, Jane Ann. Best man was Mark's friend, Jim and Groomsman was his brother Dan. My brother, James Loren, gave me away and he just got out of the hospital that week from back surgery. The ushers were my brother, Charles Wayne, and Mark's cousin, Craig Armstrong. Tina Hughes, college girlfriend, sang at the wedding and Lois Ryan,

friend of Mark's parents, played at the piano. LeAnn Holland, girlhood friend, registered the guests, and Melody Kidd, Jane Horning, and Sherry Turner served refreshments. We had a severe snowstorm the week before and didn't know who would be able to make the wedding. Dad didn't go to the wedding, I pleaded and cried, I told him he could even wear his overalls there. Dad had not been to any of his children's weddings and I wanted him at mine, his baby daughter. After the reception, Mark and I went back to my home for pictures with my parents & family. We went to Marion, Illinois for the honeymoon night at Holiday Inn. Mark & I spent a month together before he was shipped to Germany, then five months after MLT graduation I followed him there.

Children of MARK EVERS and MARY PARKS are:

243. i. MIRIAM MICHELLE[8] EVERS, b. Sep 29, 1978, Ireland Army Hospital, Fort Knox, Hardin County, Kentucky.

ii. JUSTIN ERIC EVERS, b. Jun 19, 1980, St. Francis Hospital, Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois.

Justin has been our most dramatic child. He had colic for weeks after he was born. He refused, as an infant, to submit to being strapped into a car seat and would cry for as long as he was forced to sit in it. In grade school he developed a severe ear infection, that could have killed him (his eardrum burst & infected his mastoid bone), and he had asthma that required several visits to the E.R. which included the purchase of a home inhalation therapy instrument, that he objected to the use of. Non the less, he grew into a teenager big and strong enough to play starting varsity defense as the team's nose guard when he was a Sophomore. In his junior year the coaching staff changed, he got his driver's license and a girlfriend. His senior year he did not go out for the team. He has had two traffic accidents that injured no one, but totaled two cars. He also obtained the rank of Life Scout in his Troop and, after I became Scout Master, acted as my Assistant Scout Master. He has worked at a variety of jobs, all of which have made full use of his size and strength. Justin enjoys reading fantasy Sci-Fi, computer gaming and martial art grappling.
Census 1: 2000, McLeansboro, Hamilton County, Illinois
Census 2: 1980, Roanoke, Woodford County, Illinois
Census 3: 1990, McLeansboro, Hamilton County, Illinois
Graduation: May 1998, Hamilton County High School
Medical Information: Justin had an eardrum rebuilt by Dr. John Shea III, Memphis, Tennessee while in 5th grade. Diagnosed with ADD without hyperactivity in 6th grade.

iii. JARETH ARMSTRONG EVERS, b. Jun 12, 1987, Herrin Hospital, Herrin, Williamson County, Illinois.

Jareth played football his freshman, sophomore and junior years of high school. He

did not have his brother's size and raw power but due to his dedication to working out he has a lot of strength for his size and he is very quick. He also played nose guard and was fast enough and strong enough to blow past most opponents before they could block him. Jareth injured his right knee his junior year snow skiing and reinjured it that following spring in track, he was unable to play football his senior year in high school. If he had not been injured he might have stayed at McLeansboro to play his senior year but being unable to play he made a decision to work harder at being a scholar. He asked to go live with Mark's sister, Jane Ann, so that he could attend the Jackson MO High School. This school had several Advanced Placement college prep courses. McLeansboro didn't. We worked it out and he graduated from Jackson High in the top 10% of his class with several college credits earned.

Jareth was a foreign exchange student in Landernau, France which is close to Brest, France. Jareth lived with 3 different families and attended a Catholic school in town. Mark & Mary met Jareth at the de Gaulle Airport in the last of May 2006 and flew with him to Munich, Germany to start our summer vacation. We returned to France to visit with his host families and Paris before we left.

Jareth is now attending the University of Chicago and in the Army ROTC program. Jareth attended Strategic Learning Course at Bloomington, Indiana summer of 2007 to learn Arabic and is continuing Arabic language at U of Chicago.

Census 1: 1990, McLeansboro, Illinois

Census 2: 2000, McLeansboro, Illinois

Education: Bet. 2006 - 2007, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

Medical Information: Jareth started having seizures in November 1997; he was taken off seizure medication July 2001

Residence 1: Bet. 2004 - 2005, Jareth Lived with Aunt Jane Comeau & attended Jackson, Missouri High School

Residence 2: Bet. 2005 - 2006, Jareth a foreign exchange student in France with Rotary Club

195. JANE ANN[7] EVERS *(JOSEPH CALVIN CARR[6], LUTHER LAFAYETTE[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Mar 19, 1958 in Illinois. She married RICHARD JOSEPH COMEAU II Dec 31, 1990 in Cape Girardeau, Cape Girardeau County, Missouri. He was born Nov 27, 1957 in Dexter, Missouri, and died Mar 31, 2001 in Cape Girardeau, Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.

More About JANE ANN EVERS:

Census 1: 1990, Cape Girardeau, Cape Girardeau County, Missouri

Census 2: 2000, Cape Girardeau, Cape Girardeau County, Missouri

Occupation: Teacher, Physical Education

More About RICHARD JOSEPH COMEAU II:
Burial: Apr 03, 2001, Cape Co. Memorial Park, Cape Girardeau, Cape Girardeau County, Missouri
Cause of Death: Cancer
Occupation: Bet. 1973 - 2001, Computer Programmer and Developer

Marriage Notes for JANE EVERS and RICHARD COMEAU:
Jane Ann and Rich were married at Rich's home in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Miriam Evers (niece) was the Maid of Honor. Only family and very close friends were invited to the wedding ceremony. A reception was held at the house afterwards for friends and students (of Jane Ann) to attend. Doc (Rich's Dad) and Anna Lee (Jane Ann's Mom) catered the reception/meal at the house.

Child of JANE EVERS and RICHARD COMEAU is:

i. RICHARD DANIEL[8] COMEAU III, b. May 25, 1992, Cape Girardeau, Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.

196. KEVIN DEAN DRAPER[7] EVERS *(JOSEPH CALVIN CARR[6], LUTHER LAFAYETTE[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Oct 11, 1966 in Alton Memorial Hospital, Alton, Madison County, Illinois. He married (1) DEBRA MARLENE TAYLOR Jun 1988 in Illinois, daughter of LUTHER TAYLOR and divorced October 1990. He married (2) CARLA JO SCHLOBOHM Dec 11, 1993 in Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, St. Louis County, Missouri, daughter of ALFRED SCHLOBOHM and ROSETTA CATO. She was born Nov 03, 1969 in Alton Memorial Hospital, Alton, Madison County, Illinois.

More About KEVIN DEAN DRAPER EVERS:

"I was raised in Godfrey, Ill., by my mother, Karen Way Sanner Draper Evers along with my younger sister, Karmen Way. My Mother and birth Father, Paul Draper divorced when I was 3-years-old. I did not see my birth father very much growing up or even in my adult life. My Mother married Joseph C. Evers when I was 13. It was the turning point for my young life. My younger sister and I were

adopted and as I have said many times, I was "grafted" into the Evers family tree. I am proud to say that I am one of the fortunate ones in life who was able to "choose" my Dad and being raised as an Evers. While growing up I sang in the Lewis and Clark Community College Boys Choir until the age of 13 when I discovered the Alton Colonial Fife and Drum Corp. I joined them and played the ancient bass drum for the corp until I was out of college. I was able to travel a great deal throughout my formative years, touring with the Fife and Drum corp. In fact, we were the first Fife and Drum corp that was allowed and as well as asked to perform one song during the performance of the Williamsburg Fifes and Drums corp. at Colonial Williamsburg. Needless to say, it was a real honor. Another passion of mine in my formative years was art. I always enjoyed drawing and creating when I wasn't playing my drum-set or other percussion instruments.

"I attend St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley where I graduated with an Associate of Applied Science in Advertising and Design and Commercial Art. While in art school, I started my own Airbrush T-Shirt studio after my Dad said he would help me with my first "business loan". I borrowed $500 from the local Bank in Bunker Hill where I graduated high school. The president of the Bank was a member of the United Methodist Church where my Dad was the preacher. I paid off the loan and then took out another one. I soon paid that off as well as I invested in various airbrushes, paints, t-shirts and traveling display stand. I worked at this during most of my college years attending many county fairs and picnics in the summer months making money and then renting space on weekends during the Christmas season at Alton Square Mall.

"After college, I pretty much "hung up" my airbrushes to pursue a career in Advertising and Design. After graduating from college in 1987, I married a girl that I dated during my senior year of high school. Needless to say, and thankfully as well, that was a short-lived marriage as I still had a lot of growing up to do as well as my ex-wife. While I was living in a small house by myself in East Alton, Ill., and working as a Graphic Design and Computer Artist for St. Luke's Hospital in Chesterfield, Mo., I fell in love with the woman who is my soul mate and best friend, Carla Jo. Carla and I knew each other due to the fact that she was the best friend of my younger sister, Karmen. In November of 1990 during the Thanksgiving Holiday weekend, Karmen along with some friends and our cousin Jessica (Weaver-Kelch) were going to meet up and go out dancing at a local club in Godfrey, Ill. Karmen asked if I minded if Carla came along. I said, sure. Carla

was a senior at Illinois State University and I had not seen her since she was in high school. Needless to say, she had grown into a beautiful woman I could not take my eyes off of. While all of us were at the nightclub eating and drinking and taking a break from dancing, a slow song started to play. While Carla sat across the table in her own conversation with friends, and while I sat on the other side of the table in conversation with other friends, we both stopped mid-sentence and each looked across the table and said exactly at the same time to each other, "Do you wanna dance?" Thus began the most wonderful adventure of my adult life.

"Carla and I were engaged three months later and waited to get married until after she completed her Bachelor of Nutrition degree from ISU as well as her Dietetic Internship at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis. We got married on Dec. 11, 1993, in St. Louis. After early years of marriage building our careers and new home we tried to start a family. But, with misfortunes with health situations we could not conceive to have a birth child. Carla and I decided we wanted to adopt. Since Carla's older brother was adopted, this was something we had always talked about doing. After some adventures in trying to adopt with some being painful with a birth mother changing her mind at the last minute and many tears of wondering if we would ever be parents, we were blessed with our two oldest sons, Kyle and Chad. As our home in St. Louis soon filled with little baby boys and the newness of being instant parents of two beautiful sons, Carla became pregnant about 6 months later! We went from zero sons to 3 in just 16 months! We were blessed with our youngest son, Christopher. The boys filled up our time with many activities and fun. I was teaching part-time at St. Louis Community College at Florrisant Valley as an Adjunct Art Professor as well as now working with my own freelance design studio. Carla was working as a Director of Dietetics for Lutheran Hospital and we were both progressing along with our careers and family. Then we found out we were going to be blessed again with Carla being pregnant with our daughter Chloe who was born on my (Daddy's) birthday! Carla and I have often joked that some old lady on our church prayer chain must not have gotten the message that we had two sons already as she kept praying and we ended up with 4 kids! We have always felt extremely blessed to have the 4 wonderful "4 Evers" children that we have.

"A few years after Chloe was born, I felt a Calling to enter ministry and with the support of Carla who after almost completing her asters in counseling from St. Louis University, who was also feeling a calling to enter ministry, I went

back to school full-time at McKendree University in Lebanon, Ill. I worked as a full-time Youth Director while going to school full-time for a year and then was offered a chance to work for the Kentucky Conference of the United Methodist Church in Louisville, Ky., as their communications director. I accepted the position and Carla, the kids and I moved to Louisville in the spring of 2005. Carla entered Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and worked part-time as the Director of Family Ministries at Watkins United Methodist Church. I kept pursuing my degree from McKendree University, which happened to have a satellite campus in Louisville with night classes. I continued with the classes as well as worked for the Kentucky Conference. In early 2008, I was offered a position to work in Communication Ministry with the Iowa Conference of The United Methodist Church in Des Moines, Iowa. Carla, the kids and I moved up north so I could take this position and then continue to finish my religion degree. I completed my Bachelor of Religion in the spring of 2009 and now will be going to Local License Pastor School at Illinois Wesleyan University in July of 2008 to become a Local Pastor for the United Methodist Church as well as continue to work in the area of communication ministry. Carla is working as the administrative assistant at Jordan Creek United Methodist Church in West Des Moines, Iowa, and will be continuing her theological studies in the near future.

"The kids are very active in school with Kyle enjoying baseball and band, Chad enjoying baseball, football and orchestra, Christopher enjoying basketball, fishing and exploring, and Chloe enjoying dance, art and music. Carla and I have said many times that all of our blessings and the life that we are able to live is all due to "one slow dance" many years ago.

"Blessings! Kevin D. Evers"

Children of KEVIN EVERS and CARLA SCHLOBOHM are:

i. KYLE MATTHEW KOLAND[8] EVERS, b. Dec 06, 1997; Adopted child.
ii. CHAD MICHAEL JAVON EVERS, b. Apr 13, 1999; Adopted child.
iii. CHRISTOPHER JOEL EVERS, b. Dec 01, 2000, Saint Louis, Missouri.
iv. CHLOE EVERS, b. Oct 11, 2002, St. Louis, Missouri.

197. KARMEN WAY DRAPER[7] EVERS *(JOSEPH CALVIN CARR[6], LUTHER LAFAYETTE[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Oct 23, 1969 in St. Joseph's Hospital, Alton, Madison County, Illinois. She married DOUGLAS SCOTT BIRDSELL May 01, 1993 in Annie Merner

Chapel, Jacksonville, Illinois. He was born Sep 24, 1965 in Passavant Area Hospital, Jacksonville, Morgan County, Illinois.

More About KARMEN WAY DRAPER EVERS:
Adoption: Nov 03, 1988, Macoupin County, Illinois

Marriage Notes for KARMEN EVERS and DOUGLAS BIRDSELL:
On May 1, 1993, Douglas Birdsell and Karmen Evers were united in marriage at Annie Merner Chapel in Jacksonville, Illinois. This was the first marriage for Karmen, and a second for Douglas. Members of the wedding party include the following: Best Man - Kevin Birdsell (cousin of groom); Maid of Honor - Carla Schlobohm (friend of bride); groomsmen - Kevin Evers (brother of bride); Shawn McGath (nephew of groom); Bob McGath (brother-in-law of groom); & Willie Stewart (brother-in-law of groom). Bridesmaids - Debbie Jansen (cousin of bride); Rene Dooley (cousin of bride); Judi McGath (sister of groom); & Jacquie Stewart (sister of groom). Flower girl - Kelsey Birdsell (daughter of groom). Ring bearer - Trevor Birdsell (son of groom). Ushers were Alan Sanner (cousin of bride) & Chris Birdsell (cousin of groom). Bob Chapman officiated the wedding. Phil and Terri Benz (cousin of groom) sang at the wedding. The colors were rainbow.

Children of KARMEN EVERS and DOUGLAS BIRDSELL are:

i. KALYSSA WAY[8] BIRDSELL, b. Jul 12, 1996, Illinois.
ii. KALEB SCOTT BIRDSELL, b. Jun 29, 1999, Illinois.

198. SHARON KAYE[7] WEAVER *(HARRIETT HESTER[6] EVERS, LUTHER LAFAYETTE[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Mar 09, 1949 in Blytheville, Arkansas. She married CELSO AUERLIO BRIZUELA May 13, 1984 in Paraguay, son of SERVIAN BRIZUELA and CASTORINA BARBOZA. He was born Jul 28, 1942 in Chara, Departmento del Guaira, Paraguay.

More About CELSO AUERLIO BRIZUELA:
Occupation: Graphic Designer, Author, Song Writer and Artist

Children of SHARON WEAVER and CELSO BRIZUELA are:

i. ARIANA MELODY SHASTA[8] BRIZUELA, b. Jan 15, 1986, Ascuncion, Paraguay.
ii. BRENN RODERICK BRIZUELA, b. Mar 06, 1988, Luque, Paraquay.

199. LENI HARRIETT[7] WEAVER *(HARRIETT HESTER[6] EVERS, LUTHER LAFAYETTE[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Feb 18, 1950 in Blytheville, Arkansas. She married LUCIANO RAMON FERNANDEZ Feb 18, 1968 in Catholic Church Nuestra Senora del Perpetuo Soccorro, Pedro Juan Caballero, Paraguay. He was born Dec 13, 1945 in Chiriguelo, Paraguay.

Notes for LENI HARRIETT WEAVER:
Leni and Luciano Fernandez lived in the US from 1969 to 1974 while both went to college. In 1974 they returned to Paraguay where Leni taught English and was a translator of English and Portuguese certified by the Paraguayan Supreme Court. In 1992, the family moved to Tampa, Florida. Leni received her bachelor's degree in Education and taught Spanish in Palm Harbor University High School.
Degree: Bachelors in Education
Occupation: Teacher

Notes for LUCIANO RAMON FERNANDEZ:
As a young soccer player, he had the nickname "Pipoca". His passion was soccer and he made his life playing, teaching, organizing and supporting soccer and futsal (mini-soccer). He played soccer on several professional teams in Paraguay and Brazil. He was captain of the futsal team from the State of Amambay which placed first in the first Paraguayan Championship of Futsal. Years later he coached the several Futsal teams including the Paraguayan National All Star Futsal Team. While living in the US from 1969 to 1974, Luciano received an Associate Degree in Farm and Ranch Management. In 1974, they returned to Paraguay where Luciano managed a ranch and also farmed. In 1992, the family moved to Tampa, Florida where Luciano continued his life passion of soccer, founding the Tampa Soccer Academy in 1995 and the US Court Soccer Association in 2003. Luciano is the President of the United States Futsal Association which is a member of the World Futsal Association.
Degree: Associate Degree Farm & Ranch Management
Nationality: Paraguayan

Marriage Notes for LENI WEAVER and LUCIANO FERNANDEZ:
The wedding was in the morning followed by a Criole bar-b-que "reception" for family and friends in the bride's home and back yard in Ponta Pora, Brazil. Luciano and Leni traveled on their honeymoon to Asuncion, Paraguay, Buenos Aires, Argentina, and Montevideo and Punta del Este, Uruguay. They took up residence in Ponta Pora, Brazil.

Children of LENI WEAVER and LUCIANO FERNANDEZ are:

i. OSCAR RAMON[8] FERNANDEZ, b. Jun 09, 1968, Clinica San Lucas, Pedro Juan Caballero, Paraguay. m. Simone Grummt, of Brazil.
He is a goal keeper trainer and also works as a soccer and futsal coach as of 2006.
Occupation: Mar 12, 2005, Courier for Bank

244. ii. LUCIA HARRIETT FERNANDEZ, b. Oct 28, 1971, Memorial Hospital, Denton, Denton County, Texas.

245. iii. JOENNA MARIA FERNANDEZ, b. Feb 29, 1976, Clinica San Lucas, Pedro Juan Caballero, Paraguay.

246. iv. CRISTINA KAY FERNANDEZ, b. Dec 23, 1977, Instituto de Prevision Social of Pedro Juan Caballero, Paraguay.

200. MARYNELLE (MARINEL)[7] WEAVER *(HARRIETT HESTER[6] EVERS, LUTHER LAFAYETTE[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Oct 03, 1954 in Hayti, Pemiscot County, Missouri.

Child of MARYNELLE (MARINEL) WEAVER is:

i. JONELLE VIRGINIA CRISTINA[8] WEAVER, b. Jan 08, 2000.

201. FRANK LUTHER[7] WEAVER *(HARRIETT HESTER[6] EVERS, LUTHER LAFAYETTE[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Jun 10, 1956 in Hayti, Pemiscot County, Missouri. He married MARIA RAMONA ESPINOLA. She was born Nov 01, 1958.

Children of FRANK WEAVER and MARIA ESPINOLA are:

i. MELISSA NELLE[8] WEAVER, b. Jul 18, 1976.

247. ii. JESSE DANIEL WEAVER, b. Dec 31, 1980.

iii. SHARON JANE WEAVER, b. Aug 10, 1983.

iv. MICHAEL CLEVER WEAVER, b. Mar 17, 1992.

202. JOSEPH EVERS[7] WEAVER *(HARRIETT HESTER[6] EVERS, LUTHER LAFAYETTE[5],*

JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], *JOHN ALEXANDER*[3], *WILLIAM*[2], *PHILLIP*[1] *EAVERS)* was born Mar 24, 1959 in Phoenix, Pinal County, Arizona. He married SONIA CRISTINA VASCONCELOS Dec 17, 1980. She was born Jun 08, 1956 in Curitiba, Parana, Brazil.

Notes for JOSEPH EVERS WEAVER:
Joe's father was going to graduate school in Phoenix at the time Joe was born.

More About SONIA CRISTINA VASCONCELOS:
Nationality: Jun 08, 1956, Brazilian

Children of JOSEPH WEAVER and SONIA VASCONCELOS are:

i. JACKSON FERNANDO[8] WEAVER. Stepchild.
ii. FRANK OSCAR WEAVER, b. Mar 04, 1981, Pedro Juan Caballero, Paraguay.
iii. JAMES JOSEPH WEAVER, b. Jun 11, 1986, Pedro Juan Caballero, Paraguay. As told by Joe Weaver, "I misspoke myself and gave his birth date as July 11th" So his ID says July 11th.

203. JESSICA LUCILLE[7] WEAVER *(HARRIETT HESTER*[6] *EVERS, LUTHER LAFAYETTE*[5], *JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE*[4], *JOHN ALEXANDER*[3], *WILLIAM*[2], *PHILLIP*[1] *EAVERS)* was born Feb 16, 1962 in Pedro Juan Caballero, Paraguay. She married MICHAEL DAVID KELCH. He was born Mar 03, 1956.

Child of JESSICA WEAVER and MICHAEL KELCH is:

i. MICHAEL JAKE[8] KELCH, b. Nov 15, 2002.

204. RALPH JOHN[7] SOGARD *(ERNESTINE*[6] *MOORE, OMA*[5] *PEELER, NANCY MINERVA*[4] *EVERS, JOHN ALEXANDER*[3], *WILLIAM*[2], *PHILLIP*[1] *EAVERS)* He married SUSANNE ELLIOTT, daughter of GEORGE ELLIOTT and RUTH BELL.

Children of RALPH SOGARD and SUSANNE ELLIOTT are:

i. KATHERINE TAYLOR[8] SOGARD, b. Oct 09, 1963, Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana; d. Jul 28, 2001, Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana.
Indianapolis Star, The (IN) - July 30, 2001
KATHERINE TAYLOR "KATE" SOGARD, 37, Indianapolis, died July 28. Memorial contributions may be made to the Hoosier Oncology Group or National Alliance for the Mentally Ill. Services and calling: private. Burial: Crown Hill Cemetery. Survivors: son Michael Slate parents Ralph John Sogard and Susanne

Elliott Sogard brothers Michael, Christopher Sogard. Leppert & Hensley Mortuary, Nora Chapel, is handling arrangements.

248. ii. / SOGARD.

249. iii. / SOGARD.

205. CHARLES ROBERT[7] EVERS *(SETH[6], JOHN ROBERT[5], JAMES ROBERT[4], JOSEPH NATHAN[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[1558,1559] was born Jul 26, 1916 in Grand Chain, Pulaski County, Illinois[1560]. He married LU DEAN LENTZ May 26, 1946 in Cypress Baptist Church, Cypress, Illinois[1561], daughter of P. LENTZ and MATTIE JONES. She was born Sep 28, 1923, and died Feb 11, 1999.

Notes for CHARLES ROBERT EVERS:
Bob & Lu worked in the family business, Lentz Store, Cypress, until opening Evers Lumber in Cypress in 1967. They were active in many organizations. Bob is a Shriner and charter member of the Vienna V.F.W. and they enjoy White Shrine and Eastern Star. They worked to help get the first fire truck in Cypress and they are members of the Cypress United Methodist Church.
Military 1: Dec 12, 1939[1562]
Military 2: May 07, 1942, Prisoner or War, detained in Philippines by the Japanese[1563]
Military service: 1939, Joined the service
Residence: Marion, Illinois[1564] at the time of WWII Army enlistment.
Retirement: 1978, Retired due to health reason, spend winter months in Florida

Children of CHARLES EVERS and LU LENTZ are:

250. i. SOLITA KAY[8] EVERS, b. Aug 26, 1947, Carbondale, Jackson County, Illinois.

251. ii. ROBERTA LENTZ EVERS, b. Jul 27, 1952, Paducah, McCracken County, Kentucky.

206. DONOVAN CHARLES[7] EVERS *(SAMUEL WARD[6], CHARLES ROBERT[5], GEORGE WASHINGTON[4], JOSEPH NATHAN[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[1565] was born 1926 in Mounds, Pulaski County, Illinois[1565]. He married ELAINE DASSING.

Notes for DONOVAN CHARLES EVERS:
The Pulaski Enterprise, Mounds-Cairo, Illinois - Wednesday, April 13, 1977
Law Enforcement saw an era come to an end March 31, 1977. Lieutenant Donovan C. Evers, Field Operations Officer for District Thirteen, retired on this

date with thirty years and three months service to the State Police and the Citizens of Illinois. Lieutenant Evers began his career with the State Police January 1, 1947. He was promoted to Corporal in 1958 and made Sub-Post Commander of District 13-A, Cairo. Evers was promoted to Sergeant in 1961 and to Lieutenant in 1968. Prior to joining the State Police, Evers was a railroad fireman and served in the United States Army during World War II. Upon his discharge from service in November of 1945, he enrolled and attended school for one year at Southern Normal University, Carbondale. The entire thirty years and three months served with the State Police has been in District Thirteen. Evers has made a host of friends in the Sixteen County area over this period. Lieutenant Evers will be honored with a retirement party at the Purple Crackle Club, McClure, Illinois, on April 24, 1977. Evers has been married for thirty years to the former Elaine Dassing. They have two married daughters, Donna and Gail. Donna is married to Captain Dan Bowlin, a military dentist. They live at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, Gail is married to David Oakes. The Oakes reside in Wood Ridge, Illinois. Although Evers is still waiting to become a grandfather, he is blessed with a living mother, Mary Evers, seventy-one years young, who resides at Mounds, Illinois. Don and Elaine have lived at 1713 Sunset Drive, Carbondale, Illinois for the past ten years. When asked what his retirement plans were, Evers said, Golf, fish, and garden for the first sixty days, then just wait and see what happens. "I'm not going to jump into anything, I've earned a rest and I'm going to get it!" Captain Joseph E. Ginter, Commander of District Thirteen states that, "Don is a walking reference manual. I, and all of his associates will miss not only his knowledge, but the man. We all wish him the best of retirements. He has our gratitude for a job well done."
Census: 1930, Mounds, Pulaski, Illinois[1565]
Military: Mar 16, 1945, Prisoner or War, detained in Germany[1566]
Occupation: Illinois State Police, District 13, DuQuoin, Illinois
Residence: 1993, Carbondale, Illinois, USA[1567]

Children of DONOVAN EVERS and ELAINE DASSING are:

i. DONNA[8] EVERS, m. DAN BOWLIN.
   Occupation: 1977, Military dentist at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri
ii. GAIL EVERS, m. DAVID OAKES.
   Residence: Apr 13, 1977, Wood Ridge, Illinois

207. HARRY OWEN[7] EVERS, JR. *(HARRY OWEN[6], CHARLES ROBERT[5], GEORGE WASHINGTON[4], JOSEPH NATHAN[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Nov 03, 1933 in Mounds, Pulaski County, Illinois. He married FAYE DIAMOND, daughter of JAMES DIAMOND and EULA JOHNSON. She was born Mar 11, 1932 in Evergreen, Alabama, and died May 01, 2002 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

More About HARRY OWEN EVERS, JR.:
Education: BS from Troy State U & Masters in Human Relations from La. Tech
Military service: Retired Lt. Col. in the USAF

Children of HARRY EVERS and FAYE DIAMOND are:

252. i. KELLY ANN[8] EVERS, b. Sep 12, 1955, Cambridgeshire, England.
253. ii. KIM ELAINE EVERS, b. Sep 08, 1957, Gulfport, Mississippi.
254. iii. HARRY OWEN EVERS III, b. Oct 05, 1960, Alexandria, Louisiana.

208. CHARLES DAVID[7] EVERS *(HARRY OWEN[6], CHARLES ROBERT[5], GEORGE WASHINGTON[4], JOSEPH NATHAN[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Sep 17, 1938 in Grand Chain, Illinois. He married BETTY JO PENNINGTON Sep 05, 1959 in UMC, Mound City, Pulaski County, Illinois. She was born Jun 03, 1938 in Jackson, Tennessee.

Children of CHARLES EVERS and BETTY PENNINGTON are:

255. i. CHARLES DAVID[8] EVERS II, b. Dec 11, 1960, St. Mary's Hospital, Cairo, Alexander County, Illinois.
256. ii. DANIEL NATHAN EVERS, b. St. Mary's Hospital, Kankakee, Kankakee County, Illinois.

209. GEORGE EDWARD[7] EVERS *(HARRY OWEN[6], CHARLES ROBERT[5], GEORGE WASHINGTON[4], JOSEPH NATHAN[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Nov 02, 1944 in Mound City, Pulaski County, Illinois. He married MARY ANGELINE HANNAN Mar 04, 1978 in St. Mary's Church, Mound City, Pulaski County, Illinois and divorced in 2005. She was born Jun 07, 1955 in Cairo, Alexander County, Illinois.

More About GEORGE EDWARD EVERS:
Degree: BA SMU in TX & MA from SEMO
Education: Bet. 1958 - 1962, Mound City Community High School

Occupation: Teaches Science at Meridian District.

Children of GEORGE EVERS and MARY HANNAN are:

257. i. JESSICA NICOLE[8] EVERS, b. Sep 30, 1980, Southeast Missouri Hospital, Cape Girardeau, Cape Girardeau County, Illinois.

ii. JEREMY KYLE EVERS, b. Jun 14, 1982, Southeast Missouri Hospital, Cape Girardeau, Cape Girardeau County, Illinois.

210. JACKIE LEE[7] EVERS *(JACK DEE[6], RAY MARSHALL[5], WILLIAM BENJAMIN[4], JOSEPH NATHAN[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* She married BILLY GREENWOOD.

Children of JACKIE EVERS and BILLY GREENWOOD are:

i. SHERRY LYN[8] GREENWOOD.

ii. WILLIAM LEE GREENWOOD.

211. JUDITH ANN[7] EVERS *(JACK DEE[6], RAY MARSHALL[5], WILLIAM BENJAMIN[4], JOSEPH NATHAN[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* She married JERRY DOUGLAS HUCKLEBERRY.

Children of JUDITH EVERS and JERRY HUCKLEBERRY are:

i. JERRI ANN[8] HUCKLEBERRY.

ii. JASON DOUGLAS HUCKLEBERRY.

iii. JENIECE LYN HUCKLEBERRY.

212. JIMMIE DEE[7] EVERS *(JACK DEE[6], RAY MARSHALL[5], WILLIAM BENJAMIN[4], JOSEPH NATHAN[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Jan 07, 1955 in Carbondale, Jackson County, Illinois[1568], and died Dec 11, 1993 in Fairland, Indiana. He married KASANDRA SUE HARP.

Notes for JIMMIE DEE EVERS:

Obituary

Jimmie D. Evers, age 38, of Fairland, Indiana, died Dec. 11, 1993, at his residence. He was born January 7, 1955, in Carbondale, the son of Jack and Emelyn R. (Whiteside) Evers. He was preceded in death by his father, Jack and his grandparents, Charles and Minnie Whiteside and Ray & Pearl Evers. He is survived by his mother, Emelyn Evers of Vienna; a son, Justin J. Evers; and three sisters, Jackie Greenwood of Hilham, Tennessee, Judy Huckleberry of Vienna and

Janice P. Dalton of Indianapolis, Indiana. Mr. Evers was a journeyman painter for Reech Rebholtz Co. and a coach for the Christian Park Pee Wee League in Fairland. Funeral services were held Tuesday, Dec. 14, 1993, at 2 p.m. at Whitnel Funeral Home, Vienna. Burial was in Casey Springs Cemetery.
Burial: Dec 14, 1993, Casey Springs Cemetery, Johnson County, Illinois[1569]

Child of JIMMIE EVERS and KASANDRA HARP is:
i. JUSTIN JOSHUA[8] EVERS.

213. JANCIE PEARL[7] EVERS *(JACK DEE[6], RAY MARSHALL[5], WILLIAM BENJAMIN[4], JOSEPH NATHAN[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* She married LARRY JAY DALTON.

Children of JANCIE EVERS and LARRY DALTON are:
i. LARRY JAY[8] DALTON.
ii. CHARLES ROBERT DALTON.

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214. BARBARA JANE[8] EVERS *(JAMES TAYLOR[7], WILLIAM PLEASANT VALENTINE[6], JAMES PRYOR[5], WILLIAM HENRY WARREN[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Oct 01, 1945. She married RAYMOND DODD Apr 24, 1965.

Children of BARBARA EVERS and RAYMOND DODD are:
258. i. MARY JANE[9] DODD, b. Oct 11, 1965.
ii. RICHARD EVERS DODD, b. Oct 01, 1968.

215. WILLIAM DAVIDSON[8] EVERS *(JAMES TAYLOR[7], WILLIAM PLEASANT VALENTINE[6], JAMES PRYOR[5], WILLIAM HENRY WARREN[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born May 03, 1947. He married JOANNE DOLLISH Jun 28, 1969.

Children of WILLIAM EVERS and JOANNE DOLLISH are:
i. CHRISTOPHER GANDOLF[9] EVERS, b. Oct 20, 1972.
ii. MICHAEL DAVIDSON EVERS, b. Oct 20, 1972.

216. SUSAN JANE[8] EVERS *(JAMES TAYLOR[7], WILLIAM PLEASANT VALENTINE[6],*

JAMES PRYOR[5], *WILLIAM HENRY WARREN*[4], *JOHN ALEXANDER*[3], *WILLLIM*[2], *PHILLIP*[1] *EAVERS)* was born Jun 05, 1955. She married (1) JOHN HARDIN Jul 05, 1982. She married (2) RICHARD STALCUP Jun 25, 1994.

Children of SUSAN EVERS and RICHARD STALCUP are:

i. RICHARD E.[9] STALCUP, Stepchild.
ii. MICHAEL STALCUP, Stepchild.
iii. JAMIE STALCUP, b. Jan 04, 1997.

217. MARTHA LURLINE[8] KULL *(LAURA JANE*[7] *EVERS, WILLIAM PLEASANT VALENTINE*[6], *JAMES PRYOR*[5], *WILLIAM HENRY WARREN*[4], *JOHN ALEXANDER*[3], *WILLIAM*[2], *PHILLIP*[1] *EAVERS)* was born Jan 17, 1942 in Wauseon, Fulton County, Ohio. She married GENE L MCQUILLIN Sep 27, 1964 in Wauseon, Fulton County, Ohio, son of LEON MCQUILLIN and HELEN HAM.

Notes for MARTHA LURLINE KULL:
Martha has membership with NASN & SNOA.
Education 1: May 1959, Wauseon High School, Fulton County, Ohio
Education 2: Jun 1964, Henry Ford Hospital School of Nursing, Detroit, Michigan
Education 3: Jun 1997, C.S.N. (Certified School Nurse)
Medical Information: Myopia
Occupation: 1964, Registered Nurse
Ordination: Feb 17, 1991, Ordained Deacon, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Tucson, Arizona

Marriage Notes for MARTHA KULL and GENE MCQUILLIN:
Martha & Gene were married on her parent's 24th wedding anniversary. The cake decorations, bells, were the ones on her parent's wedding cake.

Notes for GENE L MCQUILLIN:
Gene's birth name was Charles Edward Buttermore. Father not listed on certificate.
Adoption: Mar 25, 1933, Louise & Leon McQuillin
Education 1: May 25, 1951, Chesterfield High School, Chesterfield, Ohio
Education 2: Sep 26, 1985, Miller Institute (ITT) AA Electronics
Medical Information: Hyperlipidemia, Gout

Military service: USAF Captain, Reserve
Occupation: Commercial Airline Pilot, DC-3, DC-6, DC-9, DC-10, 747-Casa

Children of MARTHA KULL and GENE MCQUILLIN are:

i. GORDON JAY[9] MCQUILLIN, b. Apr 30, 1969, Denver, Denver County, Colorado.
Education 1: May 13, 1988, New Mexico Military Institute, Roswell, NM (High School Graduation)
Education 2: May 1993, Pima College, Tucson, Arizona with AA General Studies
Hobby: Reading Sci-Fi, Computers, Mountain Bicycling, Close-up magic
Medical Information: Bald by age 23, myopia repaired by RK, 1995
Occupation: Computer Network Technician

ii. TIFFANY LURLINE MCQUILLIN, b. Jan 05, 1973, Westminster, Jefferson County, Colorado; m. CHRISTOPHER MATTHEW LUX, Aug 03, 1996, Tucson, Pima County, Arizona.

More About TIFFANY LURLINE MCQUILLIN:
Education 1: May 1991, CDO High School, Tucson, AZ with distinction in Fine Arts
Education 2: May 1993, Cottey College, Nevada, Missouri, AA in psych & Music
Education 3: May 1995, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona, BA in Psychology
Education 4: 1997, Working on MS in Family & Marriage Counseling, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena CA Seminary
Medical Information: Endometriosis, surgically removed x 3.

Marriage Notes for TIFFANY MCQUILLIN and CHRISTOPHER LUX:
The couple was married at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Tucson, Arizona by Pastors Joe Bettridge & Barbara Anderson. Maid-of-Honor was Kathleen Grace Schorsch, "Katie", friend from church and school from 1986; bridesmaids were Nicolle Graham, nee Warren, and Christy Leeper, nee Voitlan, friends and suitemates from Cottey College, Naima Perotte and Joy Andrews Davis, friends from Arizona State University. Best Man was Casey Christopher, fellow musician and Christian from ASU, John Chrissan, friend from ASU and Gordon McQuillin, Tiffany's brother. Tiffany's dress had previously been worn by Christy Leeper and Nicolle Warren at their weddings. The veil was handmade by the bride's mother who had also sewn silver "good luck" charms (horseshoe, four-leaf clover) into the seams of the dress as well as a silver heart sewn into the bodice.

More About CHRISTOPHER MATTHEW LUX:
Education 1: Dec 1995, Magna Cum Laude, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona

Education 2: Aug 1996, Fullbright Scholar Hocshula, Stuttgart, Germany Music Conservatory

218. LAURA MAY[8] KULL *(LAURA JANE[7] EVERS, WILLIAM PLEASANT VALENTINE[6], JAMES PRYOR[5], WILLIAM HENRY WARREN[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Jul 18, 1943 in Wauseon, Fulton County, Ohio. She married JOHN PETER SCHULTES Jul 03, 1965 in Wauseon, Fulton County, Ohio, son of JOHN SCHULTES and MILDRED DRYDEN.

Notes for LAURA MAY KULL:
High School: Y-Teens, Pep Club, GAA, Traveling Team - volleyball & basketball, FTA, Thespians, officer, Nat'l Thespians Conference, Librarian, Class Play, class play crew, Chief Staff, County Prince of Peace Winner, J-hop Com, Prom Com, Chorus, All-County Chorus, Intramurals, Phys. Ed. Asst, Nat'l Merit School Test.
College: Sigma Eta (speech & hearing Therapy organization), Omega Phi Alpha (service sorority).
Medical Information: Laura was delivered by her grandfather - W.P.V. Evers, also he removed her appendix. Encapsulated malignant ovarian tumor - total hysterectomy, 1978

Notes for JOHN PETER SCHULTES:
High School - track & cross country, golf team, equipment manager for football team. Gargoyle (newspaper) staff, Prom Committee.
College: Track & cross-country, theater - actor, crew, director.
Membership: Elks Lodge, Optimist Club, VFW
Degree 1: 1961, Hughes High School, Cincinnati, Ohio
Degree 2: Bet. 1961 - 1965, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH, BA, Theater & English
Education: 1973, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH; graduate courses, Geology
Military service 1: Bet. 1967 - 1972, Army Corp of Engineers, Signal Corp, honorable discharge, Captain
Military service 2: Served in Viet Nam
Occupation: Personnel Director, Stock Broker, Insurance Salesman, Real Estate Salesman, Lay Minister

Children of LAURA KULL and JOHN SCHULTES are:

259. i. LAURA ELIZABETH[9] SCHULTES, b. Aug 26, 1967, Wauseon, Fulton County, Ohio.

260. ii. KATHERINE MICHELLE SCHULTES, b. Nov 05, 1971, Fort Rucker, Dale County, Alabama.

iii. MARTHA SUZANNE SCHULTES, b. Nov 05, 1971, Fort Rucker, Dale County, Alabama.
Ran track & cross-country in Junior High and Senior High. Won many awards, trophies and honors in both.
While in college was affiliated with Chi Omega fraternity.
Degree 1: Jun 1990, Bowling Green High School, Bowling Green, Ohio
Degree 2: Bet. 1990 - 1994, Syracuse University. Syracuse, NY Bachelor of Arts, Political Science

219. REBECCA[8] CRISMAN *(JOAN EVERS[7] CLARY, FLORA LUCY[6] EVERS, JAMES OLIVER[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* She married ROD GARVIN.

Notes for REBECCA CRISMAN:
Rebecca and Rod reside in Terre Haute, Indiana. The Garvin's have four children.

Children of REBECCA CRISMAN and ROD GARVIN are:

i. NIKKI[9] GARVIN.

ii. ASHLEY GARVIN.

iii. KELSEY GARVIN.

iv. DON GARVIN.

220. PATRICK TIMOTHY[8] O'DONNELL *(PATRICIA EILEEN[7] EVERS, JIMMIE[6], JAMES OLIVER[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Aug 11, 1960. He married JOAN VOGEL Nov 08, 1986. She was born Sep 16, 1963.

Notes for PATRICK TIMOTHY O'DONNELL:
Tim is a CPA and Partner of Deloitte. He and his family moved to the Pittsburgh area the summer of 2007.
Occupation: Certified Public Accountant

Children of PATRICK O'DONNELL and JOAN VOGEL are:

i. KELSEY MARIE[9] O'DONNELL, b. Apr 03, 1993.
ii. COURTNEY RUTH O'DONNELL, b. Nov 09, 1997.

221. JEFFREY LAWRENCE[8] O'DONNELL *(PATRICIA EILEEN[7] EVERS, JIMMIE[6], JAMES OLIVER[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Aug 26, 1963. He married SHANA LOWE Nov 21, 1985. She was born Sep 30, 1962.

Notes for JEFFREY LAWRENCE O'DONNELL:
Jeff is an owner operator of a Martial Arts Studio and is a nationally recognized Ty Kwan Do instructor in Florissant, Missouri.

Children of JEFFREY O'DONNELL and SHANA LOWE are:

261. i. SAMANTHA LYNN[9] O'DONNELL, b. Mar 24, 1987.
ii. IAN MICHAEL O'DONNELL, b. Apr 06, 1992.

222. ANNE MARIE[8] O'DONNELL *(PATRICIA EILEEN[7] EVERS, JIMMIE[6], JAMES OLIVER[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Sep 15, 1966. She married (1) KEVIN ERHRMANN. She married (2) // PEREZ.

Notes for ANNE MARIE O'DONNELL:
Anne and her children reside in Kalamazoo, Michigan where she is an Office Manager and Bookkeeper.

Children of ANNE O'DONNELL and KEVIN ERHRMANN are:

i. PATRICK JOSEPH[9] ERHRMANN, b. Apr 13, 1993.
ii. PAIGE CHYANNE ERHRMANN, b. Jan 06, 1999.
iii. JORDAN LILLIAN ERHRMANN, b. May 30, 2000.

Child of ANNE O'DONNELL and // PEREZ is:

iv. CARLOS[9] PEREZ, b. Oct 09, 2003.

223. LANCE EVERS[8] LOUGHMAN *(BARBARA ELLEN[7] EVERS, JIMMIE[6], JAMES OLIVER[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Dec 09, 1964 in Indiana. He married LESLIE LYNN

WOHLSCHEID 1994 in Kalamazoo, Michigan. She was born Mar 05, 1964.

Notes for LANCE EVERS LOUGHMAN:
Lance and Leslie live in Algonquin, Illinois
Occupation: 2007, Computer Engineer

More About LESLIE LYNN WOHLSCHEID:
Occupation: 2007, Computer Programmer and received her teaching certificate in 2007

Child of LANCE LOUGHMAN and LESLIE WOHLSCHEID is:
i. TERRAN EVERS[9] LOUGHMAN, b. Mar 27, 1999, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

224. CHAD ELLIOTT[8] LOUGHMAN *(BARBARA ELLEN[7] EVERS, JIMMIE[6], JAMES OLIVER[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Mar 09, 1970 in Indiana. He married AMY SAMARIPA Oct 18, 2003.

Notes for CHAD ELLIOTT LOUGHMAN:
Chad graduated from college in Missouri in Criminal Justice.
Occupation: 2007, Police Officer in Prairie Village, Kansas

More About AMY SAMARIPA:
Occupation: 2007, Events Director and Fund Raiser
Child of CHAD LOUGHMAN and AMY SAMARIPA is:
i. JAMES TERRY[9] LOUGHMAN, b. May 24, 2007.

225. JAMES PAUL OVERTURF[8] WIEDEMAN *(GEORGIA ANN[7] EVERS, JAMES PAUL[6], LUTHER LAFAYETTE[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Aug 15, 1952. He married JACKIE MERWIN Nov 19, 1982.

Children of JAMES WIEDEMAN and JACKIE MERWIN are:
262. i. TRENA IRENE MERWIN[9] WIEDEMAN, b. May 01, 1982; Adopted child.
ii. GEORGIA MORIAH WIEDEMAN, b. Jan 02, 1985.
iii. AUBREY JAMES WIEDEMAN, b. Sep 26, 1989.

226. TERESA ANN[8] WIEDEMAN *(GEORGIA ANN[7] EVERS, JAMES PAUL[6], LUTHER LAFAYETTE[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Mar 25, 1959.

Child of TERESA ANN WIEDEMAN is:
263. i. RACHAEL NICOLE[9] WRIGHT, b. Oct 20, 1977.

227. GLENN EARL[8] WIEDEMAN *(GEORGIA ANN[7] EVERS, JAMES PAUL[6], LUTHER LAFAYETTE[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Jan 13, 1961. He married CHAROLOTTE DERKOWSKI FEDEROWSKI Jun 14, 1997.

Children of GLENN WIEDEMAN and CHAROLOTTE FEDEROWSKI are:
264. i. BONNIE[9] FEDEROWSKI, b. Apr 11, 1977.
265. ii. CONNIE FEDEROWSKI, b. Apr 11, 1977.
266. iii. MARY FEDEROWSKI, b. Dec 19, 1978.

228. STEWART EDWARD[8] WIEDEMAN *(GEORGIA ANN[7] EVERS, JAMES PAUL[6], LUTHER LAFAYETTE[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Feb 04, 1962. He married RENA CRISP Nov 14, 1987.

Children of STEWART WIEDEMAN and RENA CRISP are:
i. PAUL EARL ROBERT[9] WIEDEMAN, b. Feb 23, 1996.
ii. SEAN GLENN WIEDEMAN, b. Jul 11, 2001.

229. BRUCE LYNN[8] BRINKER *(JANICE KAY[7] EVERS, JAMES PAUL[6], LUTHER LAFAYETTE[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Mar 15, 1967. He married NICHOLE FABER.

Notes for BRUCE LYNN BRINKER:
Bruce attended college at NOVA in Virginia and Manatee Community College in Bradenton, Florida and is currently a senior consultant for Cardinal Health in Columbus, Ohio.

Notes for NICHOLE FABER:
Nichole attended Ohio State and is a manager of hotels for the Marriott

Corporation.

Children of BRUCE BRINKER and NICHOLE FABER are:

i. ROSS[9] BRINKER.
ii. JACOB BRINKER.
iii. NATHAN BRINKER.

230. JEFFREY KEITH[8] BRINKER *(JANICE KAY[7] EVERS, JAMES PAUL[6], LUTHER LAFAYETTE[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Apr 1969. He married KRISTIN PETERSON.

Notes for JEFFREY KEITH BRINKER:
Keith graduated with a Master's of Mechanical Engineering degree, Magna Cum Laude from Auburn University and currently works for Raytheon Corporation in Springfield, Virginia.

Notes for KRISTIN PETERSON:
Kristin was in the Pentagon working when terrorist hit it on September 11, 2001 Kristin has a Master's of Science in Strategic Analysis from Defense Intel College and currently working for Ensco, Inc., Springfield, Virginia.

Children of JEFFREY BRINKER and KRISTIN PETERSON are:

i. CLAY[9] BRINKER.
ii. CALLIE BRINKER.

231. REBECCA MICHELLE[8] KRIEG *(BYRON LYNN[7] EVERS, JAMES PAUL[6], LUTHER LAFAYETTE[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Jul 03, 1971 in Muskogee, Oklahoma. She married PHIL SHERWOOD Jul 15, 2000 in Fort Worth, Texas. He was born Dec 22, 1969.

Notes for REBECCA MICHELLE KRIEG:
Rebecca Michelle Krieg, born July 3, 1971, Muskogee, Oklahoma. Her first father, Ronald James Krieg, died during the Vietnam conflict. Rebecca and her husband Phil have master degrees from Southwest Baptist Seminary, minister young couples and plant churches. Phil works as a computer programmer while Rebecca is a stay-at-home mother. She received her bachelor's degree in international relations at University of Notre Dame, and studied for a year at the

University of Innsbruck in Austria.

Children of REBECCA KRIEG and PHIL SHERWOOD are:

i. JANE ELIZABETH[9] SHERWOOD, b. Dec 03, 2003.
ii. RONALD ARTHUR SHERWOOD, b. Aug 15, 2005.
iii. PETER MONTGOMERY SHERWOOD, b. May 17, 2007.
iv. SUSAN MICHELLE SHERWOOD, b. Mar 08, 2009, Ft. Worth, Texas.
Her name comes from the middle names of Brenda (grandmother) and Rebecca (mother).

232. LLOYD JAMES[8] EVERS *(BYRON LYNN[7], JAMES PAUL[6], LUTHER LAFAYETTE[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Nov 27, 1977 in Muskogee, Oklahoma. He married NICOLE NETHROUR May 19, 2001 in Branson, Missouri.

Notes for LLOYD JAMES EVERS:
LJ is an associate pastor and director of Face 2 Face Ministries in Keystone, South Dakota, working mainly with American and international college age students. He was in the Junior College World Series while playing at Seminole State, and received a bachelor's degree in philosophy and religion at College of the Ozarks. He completed two master degree at Bethel College in Mishawaka, Indiana, one in ministry and the other in theological studies.
Occupation: Bet. 2005 - 2009, Minister in Keystone, South Dakota.

Notes for NICOLE NETHROUR:
Nicole, who works with LJ in the ministry, received an education degree at University of Akron, where she was a starter on the basketball team.

Children of LLOYD JAMES EVERS and NICOLE NETHROUR are:

i. CORBAN JAXON[9] EVERS, b. Mar 05, 2004, LaPorte, Indiana.
ii. TAHER LYNN EVERS, b. Aug 28, 2005, Rapid City, South Dakota.
Her middle name is honor of her grandfather.
iii. BRENAN KAY EVERS, b. Jun 27, 2008, Rapid City, South Dakota.
The name comes from the first names of her grandmoters.

233. LYNN ANN[8] PARKER *(MARY JIM[7] SHELTON, MARY FRANCES[6] EVERS, LUTHER LAFAYETTE[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1]*

EAVERS) was born Nov 16, 1954 in McCracken County, Kentucky[1570]. She married JOHN WAYNE HESS 1977.

Children of LYNN PARKER and JOHN HESS are:

i. ERIC MICHAEL[9] HESS, b. Mar 18, 1980, Cape Girardeau, Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.
ii. BLAKE PARKER HESS, b. Jul 22, 1982.

234. STUART WADE[8] PARKER *(MARY JIM[7] SHELTON, MARY FRANCES[6] EVERS, LUTHER LAFAYETTE[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Aug 06, 1963 in Massac County, Illinois. He married (1) ALICIA FUTRELL 1985 and divorced in 1986 in Massac County, Illinois. He married (2) KATHRYN THATCHER 1990 in Texas and divorced in 1991 in Henderson County, Texas.

Child of STUART PARKER and KATHRYN THATCHER is:

i. AMANDA MARIE[9] PARKER, b. Jul 04, 1991, Tyler, Smith County, Texas.

235. EVELYN CHRISTINE[8] YATES *(CYNTHIA SUE[7] EVERS, ROLLAND[6], LUTHER LAFAYETTE[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Nov 17, 1956. She married STEVEN DONALD WORDEN Jul 21, 1979 and divorced in 2002. Steven was born Jul 06, 1954.

Children of EVELYN YATES and STEVEN WORDEN are:

i. JAMES STEVAN[9] WORDEN, b. Feb 27, 1982.
267. ii. KATHERINE ANNE WORDEN, b. Nov 24, 1984.

236. ELAINE CATHLEEN[8] YATES *(CYNTHIA SUE[7] EVERS, ROLLAND[6], LUTHER LAFAYETTE[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Aug 18, 1961. She married William Earl SNYDER and they were divorced after the adoptions.

Children of ELAINE YATES and BILL SNYDER are:

i. ANTHONY JOSEPH[9] SNYDER, b. Aug 15, 1982; Adopted child.
Name 2: Stephan Anthony Wilson
Adoption: Name was changed at adoption
ii. ASHLEY CYNTHIA SNYDER, b. Dec 27, 1984; Adopted child.

Name 2: Ashley Brianna Wilson
Adoption: Name was changed at adoption
Marriage: John Rodriguez Jun 28, 2008.

237. PATRICK JONAS[8] DRESSER *(ANN ELIZABETH[7] EVERS, ROLLAND[6], LUTHER LAFAYETTE[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Dec 02, 1964. He married DEBBIE TAYLOR and now divorced.

Child of PATRICK DRESSER and DEBBIE TAYLOR is:

i. CODY[9] DRESSER, b. Nov 03, 1989.

238. LUCINDA JEANNINE[8] EVERS *(DANIEL ROLLAND[7], ROLLAND[6], LUTHER LAFAYETTE[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Oct 19, 1961. She married MIKE COBB.

Children of LUCINDA EVERS and MIKE COBB are:

i. DANA[9] M. COBB, b. Jan 18, 1980.
ii. AMANDA E. COBB, b. Aug 15, 1984.
iii. JAMES MASON COBB, b. Aug 1 1986, married Kayle Duke on April 4, 2009.

239. CHRISTOPER KELL[8] BRYANT *(JOSEPH BAYLESS[7], STELSA ETHEL[6] EVERS, LUTHER LAFAYETTE[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born May 24, 1960 in Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois.

Child of CHRISTOPER KELL BRYANT is:

i. TESSA NICOLE[9] BRYANT, b. Jan 13, 1994, Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee.

240. MELISSA KAY[8] BRYANT *(JOSEPH BAYLESS[7], STELSA ETHEL[6] EVERS, LUTHER LAFAYETTE[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Jan 29, 1964 in Louisiana, Pike County, Missouri.

Children of MELISSA KAY BRYANT are:

i. TONYA LYNNE[9] BRYANT, b. Jul 07, 1981, Clayton, Missouri.
ii. TIFFANY ANNE BRYANT, b. Jul 07, 1981, Clayton, Missouri; d. Jul 1981, Clayton, Missouri.
Burial: Jul 1981, Masonic Cemetery, Metropolis, Illinois

241. SHAWNA[8] GARLAND *(VIVI FRANCES[7] DE VITA, HELEN ANN[6] EVERS, LUTHER LAFAYETTE[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Dec 07, 1979. She married ANTOIAN RONNIC CAREY Jun 26, 1999. He was born in Jamaica.

More About SHAWNA GARLAND:
Occupation: Cosmetologist

Notes for ANTOIAN RONNIC CAREY:
Antoian is now an American citizen.

Children of SHAWNA GARLAND and ANTOIAN CAREY are:

i. DESTINY FATH-ANN[9] CAREY, b. Mar 05, 1998.
ii. DESHAWN CAREY, b. Nov 27, 2002.

242. ROBERT DAVID[8] PRICE *(JUSTINE NELL[7] EVERS, LUTHER TREVELYN[6], LUTHER LAFAYETTE[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Jul 16, 1972 in Ocala, Florida. He married (2) LAURA LYNN PRIDGEN Jul 21, 2006, she brought two children to the marriage (Joey & Ashley).

Notes for ROBERT DAVID PRICE:
Bobby is currently An Aviation Ordnancemen Chief. He works on an aircraft and has 17 sailors who work with him loading an assortment of weapons & maintain their systems.
Military: Nov 13, 1990, U.S. Navy

Children of ROBERT DAVID PRICE are:

i. ZACK[9] PRICE, b. Aug 10, 1992, Virginia Beach, Virginia.
ii. EMILY PRICE, b. Dec 03, 1996, Ocala, Florida.

243. MIRIAM MICHELLE[8] EVERS *(MARK HASTING[7], JOSEPH CALVIN CARR[6], LUTHER LAFAYETTE[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Sep 29, 1978 in Ireland Army Hospital, Fort Knox, Hardin County, Kentucky. She married NATHAN ALBERT WALKER Mar 30, 2001 in McKendree College Chapel, Lebanon, Illinois, son of DONALD WALKER and MYONG KIM. He was born Feb 26, 1977 in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA.

Notes for MIRIAM MICHELLE EVERS:
Miriam was our first child and the type of sweet tempered child that made you willing to try having another. Only recently have Miriam and Justin started telling us some of the things they got into that Mary and I didn't catch them at. One incident involved the two of them climbing in a Red Bud tree that I had ordered them to stay out of, due to their tendency to become trapped by the interlacing branches which required me to rescue them- once while I was on duty. Justin's foot slid between two branches which trapped it and then he lost his handholds. He ended up hanging by the trapped foot and started crying. Miriam firmly told him to be quiet or I would hear them and they would get in trouble. Justin quieted down but demanded that she get him loose. Miriam did not have the strength to move the branches but she was, and is, very intelligent. She studied the problem and decided to untie his shoe. It freed his foot and dropped him on his head, without any apparent damage.
Census 1: 1980, Roanoke, Woodford County, Illinois
Census 2: 1990, McLeansboro, Hamilton County, Illinois
Census 3: 2000, Baltimore, Maryland
Graduation 1: May 1996, Hamilton County High School - Miriam was Salutatorian
Graduation 2: May 2001, Bachelors' of Arts at UMBC, Baltimore, Maryland
Hobby: Knitting
Honor 1: May 1995, Usher (Honor students), 1995 Graduating Class, McLeansboro High School, McLeansboro, Illinois
Honor 2: Bet. 1996 - 1997, Sports section designer for the US Naval Academy yearbook. The Lucky Bag.
Military service: Bet. Jul 1996 - Aug 1997, United States Naval Academy with honors
Residence 1: May 2001, Kings Bay, Georgia
Residence 2: Jul 2002, Silverdale, Washington
Residence 3: 2004, Omaha, Sarpy County, Nebraska
Residence 4: 2006, Monterey, Monterey County, California

More About NATHAN ALBERT WALKER:
Graduation 1: May 1995, Killeen High School, Killeen, Texas
Graduation 2: May 1999, United States Naval Academy

Graduation 3: Dec 2008, Naval Post-Graduate School, Monterey, California
Hobby: Bowling and would like to go pro.

Marriage Notes for MIRIAM EVERS and NATHAN WALKER:
Miriam's wedding veil was made by her paternal grandmother, Anna Lee Evers and they were married by Miriam's grandfather, Rev. Joseph C.C. Evers.

Children of MIRIAM EVERS and NATHAN WALKER are:

i. ZACKARY[9] WALKER, b. Apr 23, 2004, Ehrling Bergquist Hospital, Offutt AFB, Omaha, Nebraska; d. Apr 23, 2004, Ehrling Bergquist Hospital, Offutt AFB, Omaha, Nebraska.
Burial: Apr 25, 2004, Salem Cemetery, Carrier Mills, Saline County, Illinois

ii. LILLIAN CHIN WALKER, b. Aug 15, 2005, Creighton University Hospital, Omaha, Nebraska.
At Lillian's birth, Mark, Justin, Jareth and I were there to hold her once she was given the okay from the nursery and her parents. Lillian was born by C-section a month early due to placenta previa.
Baptism: Feb 26, 2006, Gretna Methodist Church, Sarpy County, Nebraska

iii. HANNAH ROSE WALKER, b. Apr 28, 2007, Dominican Hospital, Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz County, California.
Hannah's middle name came from Velma (Rose) Parks, (my mother).
Miriam and the girls visited us in North Carolina when Hannah was 6 weeks old. Hannah broke out with chicken pox while she was visiting, so she wasn't a happy baby at that visit. Hannah became a contented baby as she became older and had her older sister to contend with.
Hannah has become a GrandDad's girl during the time we lived close to Miriam and her family.
Medical Information: Hannah was born by VBAC (Vaginal delivery after Caesarean).

244. LUCIA HARRIETT[8] FERNANDEZ *(LENI HARRIETT[7] WEAVER, HARRIETT HESTER[6] EVERS, LUTHER LAFAYETTE[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Oct 28, 1971 in Memorial Hospital, Denton, Denton County, Texas. She met LUIS FERNANDO TILANO. He was born Feb 28, 1962.

More About LUCIA HARRIETT FERNANDEZ:
Occupation: Mar 12, 2005, Teller Supervisor at Sun Trust Bank

More About LUIS FERNANDO TILANO:
Military service: United States Navy- 3rd Aviation Boatswain Mate Flight Deck Crew-Refuel on Nimitz & Constellation Aircraft
Nationality: Columbian
Occupation: Mar 12, 2005, Sales

Child of LUCIA FERNANDEZ and LUIS TILANO is:
i. LUIS FERNANDO JR.[9] TILANO, b. Feb 28, 1994.

245. JOENNA MARIA[8] FERNANDEZ *(LENI HARRIETT[7] WEAVER, HARRIETT HESTER[6] EVERS, LUTHER LAFAYETTE[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Feb 29, 1976 in Clinica San Lucas, Pedro Juan Caballero, Paraguay. She married ALEJANDRO JAVIER DIAZ Jul 03, 2000.

More About JOENNA MARIA FERNANDEZ:
Degree: 2000, B.A. in Psychology from Florida International University

More About ALEJANDRO JAVIER DIAZ:
Degree: Computer Engineer B.A. from University of South Florida
Nationality: US citizen of Dominican Republic ancestry

Children of JOENNA FERNANDEZ and ALEJANDRO DIAZ are:
i. PRISCILA KAY[9] DIAZ, b. Jan 06, 2003.
ii. GABRIELA PAOLA DIAZ, b. Jan 06, 2003.

246. CRISTINA KAY[8] FERNANDEZ *(LENI HARRIETT[7] WEAVER, HARRIETT HESTER[6] EVERS, LUTHER LAFAYETTE[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Dec 23, 1977 in Instituto de Prevision Social of Pedro Juan Caballero, Paraguay. She met (1) DENIS FORMBY Bef. 1997. She married (2) ANTHONY MANUEL SUAREZ 2004, son of ADOLFO SUAREZ and MARIA OVES. He was born May 12, 1967 in Tampa, Florida.

More About CRISTINA KAY FERNANDEZ:
Degree: Dec 2006, Civil Engineer from University of South Florida
Occupation: Civil Engineer

More About ANTHONY MANUEL SUAREZ:
Occupation: Mar 12, 2005, Teaching P.E. wanting to be a Fire Paramedic

Child of CRISTINA FERNANDEZ and DENIS FORMBY is:
i. ADRIANA DENISE[9] FORMBY-FERN'ANDEZ, b. Oct 25, 1997.

Child of CRISTINA FERNANDEZ and ANTHONY SUAREZ is:
ii. SOLENIA KAY[9] SUAREZ, b. Jan 21, 2008, Florida.

247. JESSE DANIEL[8] WEAVER *(FRANK LUTHER[7], HARRIETT HESTER[6] EVERS, LUTHER LAFAYETTE[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Dec 31, 1980. He married ELENA APARECIDA FERNANDEZ PRIETO. She was born Aug 19, 1979.

Child of JESSE WEAVER and ELENA PRIETO is:
i. FRANK FEDERICO[9] WEAVER, b. Jan 31, 2000.

248. /[8] SOGARD *(RALPH JOHN[7], ERNESTINE[6] MOORE, OMA[5] PEELER, NANCY MINERVA[4] EVERS, JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* He married / PAINE.

Children of / SOGARD and /PAINE are:
i. LIVING 1[9] SOGARD.
ii. LIVING 2 SOGARD.
iii. LIVING 3 SOGARD.

249. /[8] SOGARD *(RALPH JOHN[7], ERNESTINE[6] MOORE, OMA[5] PEELER, NANCY MINERVA[4] EVERS, JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* He married LAURA BAILEY. She was born Apr 06, 1919.

Child of / SOGARD and LAURA BAILEY is:
i. LIVING 4[9] SOGARD.

250. SOLITA KAY[8] EVERS *(CHARLES ROBERT[7], SETH[6], JOHN ROBERT[5], JAMES ROBERT[4], JOSEPH NATHAN[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Aug 26, 1947 in Carbondale, Jackson County, Illinois. She married RICHARD MATHIS.

Notes for SOLITA KAY EVERS:
Solita and Richard worked at the family business, Lentz Store, which later became Mathis Store.
Occupation: 1982, Started working at Choate Mental Health Center in Anna, Illinois

Children of SOLITA EVERS and RICHARD MATHIS are:

i. CHRISTIE[9] MATHIS, b. Aug 28, 1968.
ii. CHRIS MATHIS, b. Dec 07, 1970.

251. ROBERTA LENTZ[8] EVERS *(CHARLES ROBERT[7], SETH[6], JOHN ROBERT[5], JAMES ROBERT[4], JOSEPH NATHAN[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Jul 27, 1952 in Paducah, McCracken County, Kentucky. She married JERRY GUNN Jan 03, 1976. He was born Feb 1943.

Notes for ROBERTA LENTZ EVERS:
Robby is a descendant of Hezekiah West, a Revolutionary War Soldier and early settler of Johnson County, and his daughter Sally West. Johnson County, Illinois History & Families.

Children of ROBERTA EVERS and JERRY GUNN are:

i. JAY[9] GUNN, b. Mar 22, 1978.
ii. JENNIFER GUNN, b. Jun 04, 1982.

252. KELLY ANN[8] EVERS *(HARRY OWEN[7], HARRY OWEN[6], CHARLES ROBERT[5], GEORGE WASHINGTON[4], JOSEPH NATHAN[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Sep 12, 1955 in Cambridgeshire, England. She married (1) VICTOR LEE STROZIER, JR.. He was born Apr 25, 1954 in Denver, Colorado. She married (2) NICKOLAS THEODORE GRUBER Aug 07, 1976 in Omaha, Nebraska and divorced in 1988. Nickolas was born May 28, 1953 in Nebraska City, Nebraska.

Children of KELLY EVERS and NICKOLAS GRUBER are:

i. JARROD THEODORE[9] GRUBER, b. Feb 19, 1977, Omaha, Nebraska; m. SHELSEA WHITMIRE, 10-08-2005.
ii. LAUREN ELAINE GRUBER, b. Apr 23, 1983, Omaha, Nebraska.

253. KIM ELAINE[8] EVERS *(HARRY OWEN[7], HARRY OWEN[6], CHARLES ROBERT[5], GEORGE WASHINGTON[4], JOSEPH NATHAN[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Sep 08, 1957 in Gulfport, Mississippi. She married (1) JEFFREY LYNN HENRY Jul 22, 1978 and divorced in March 1984. Jeffrey was born Oct 31, 1956 in Nebraska City, Nebraska, and died 1995. She married (2) JOHN DAVID SEALES Dec 26, 2004. He was born Jun 06, 1960 in Houston, Texas.

Child of KIM EVERS and JEFFREY HENRY is:

i. JACOB SEAN[9] HENRY, b. Nov 20, 1979, Nebraska City, Nebraska.

254. HARRY OWEN[8] EVERS III *(HARRY OWEN[7], HARRY OWEN[6], CHARLES ROBERT[5], GEORGE WASHINGTON[4], JOSEPH NATHAN[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[1571,1571] was born Oct 05, 1960 in Alexandria, Louisiana. He married (1) CYNTHIA JUANITA WEST[1571,1571] Jul 30, 1988[1572]. She was born Apr 21, 1962 in Leakesville, Mississippi. He married (2) AMBER RICHARDSON[1573] Oct 09, 2004, daughter of ROE. She was born Dec 07, 1971 in San Diego, California[1573].

More About HARRY OWEN EVERS III:
Divorce: May 14, 1999, Dallas, Texas[1574]

More About AMBER RICHARDSON:
Date born 2: Dec 07, 1971, La Jolla, California

Children of HARRY EVERS and CYNTHIA WEST are:

i. TAYLOR ALEXANDRA[9] EVERS[1575], b. Nov 20, 1990, Tarrant, Texas[1575].
ii. CAITLIN VICTORIA EVERS[1575], b. Mar 06, 1992, Tarrant, Texas[1575].

255. CHARLES DAVID[8] EVERS II *(CHARLES DAVID[7], HARRY OWEN[6], CHARLES ROBERT[5], GEORGE WASHINGTON[4], JOSEPH NATHAN[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Dec 11, 1960 in St. Mary's Hospital, Cairo, Alexander County, Illinois. He married (1) KIM STAMPLER May 02, 1987 in Glendale, Arizona. She was born 1961. He married (2) CATHERINE LYNN ETZ[1576,1577] Aug 12, 1989 in Las Vegas, Clark, Nevada[1578]. She was born Jul 01, 1961.

More About CHARLES DAVID EVERS II:
Residence: 1993, Phoenix, Arizona[1579]

More About CATHERINE LYNN ETZ:
Residence: 1989, Phoenix, Arizona[1579]

Children of CHARLES EVERS and CATHERINE ETZ are:

i. KELSEY ANN[9] EVERS, b. Jan 17, 1990, Phoenix, Arizona.
ii. MICHELLE LYNN EVERS, b. Oct 08, 1992, Phoenix, Arizona.

256. DANIEL NATHAN[8] EVERS *(CHARLES DAVID[7], HARRY OWEN[6], CHARLES ROBERT[5], GEORGE WASHINGTON[4], JOSEPH NATHAN[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)*[1579] was born in St. Mary's Hospital, Kankakee, Kankakee County, Illinois. He married (1) REBECCA ANN WOODS Sep 03, 1983 in Prescott, Arizona. She was born 1962. He married (2) LORI SMITH Mar 11, 1995 in Phoenix, Arizona. She was born Nov 09, 1970.

More About DANIEL NATHAN EVERS:
Residence: 1993, Phoenix, Arizona[1579]

Children of DANIEL EVERS and LORI SMITH are:

i. DANIEL JEFFERY[9] EVERS, b. Aug 12, 1996, Phoenix, Arizona.
ii. JOSHUA NATHAN EVERS, b. Jun 26, 1998, Spokane, Washington.
iii. BRITTNEY ASPEN EVERS, b. Feb 19, 2001, Phoenix, Arizona.

257. JESSICA NICOLE[8] EVERS *(GEORGE EDWARD[7], HARRY OWEN[6], CHARLES ROBERT[5], GEORGE WASHINGTON[4], JOSEPH NATHAN[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Sep 30, 1980 in Southeast Missouri Hospital, Cape Girardeau, Cape Girardeau County, Illinois.

Children of JESSICA NICOLE EVERS are:

i. JOSHUA LEE[9] EVERS, b. Jan 06, 2001, Southeast Missouri Hospital, Cape Girardeau, Cape Girardeau County, Illinois.
ii. LILLIAN FAITH EVERS, b. Nov 02, 2003, Southeast Missouri Hospital, Cape Girardeau, Cape Girardeau County, Illinois.

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258. MARY JANE[9] DODD *(BARBARA JANE[8] EVERS, JAMES TAYLOR[7], WILLIAM*

PLEASANT VALENTINE[6], *JAMES PRYOR*[5], *WILLIAM HENRY WARREN*[4], *JOHN ALEXANDER*[3], *WILLIAM*[2], *PHILLIP*[1] *EAVERS)* was born Oct 11, 1965. She married ROBERT MELENDEZ Jan 06, 1990 in Neptune, New Jersey.

Children of MARY DODD and ROBERT MELENDEZ are:

i. EMILY DODD[10] MELENDEZ, b. Jan 16, 1992.
ii. ALEX MELENDEZ, b. 1996.

259. LAURA ELIZABETH[9] SCHULTES *(LAURA MAY*[8] *KULL, LAURA JANE*[7] *EVERS, WILLIAM PLEASANT VALENTINE*[6], *JAMES PRYOR*[5], *WILLIAM HENRY WARREN*[4], *JOHN ALEXANDER*[3], *WILLIAM*[2], *PHILLIP*[1] *EAVERS)* was born Aug 26, 1967 in Wauseon, Fulton County, Ohio. She married LEE MATTHEW MARTINEZ Feb 01, 1991 in Defiance, Defiance County, Ohio, son of LEE MARTINEZ and BECKY HILL.

Notes for LAURA ELIZABETH SCHULTES:
Ran track & cross-country while in high school, receiving honors & awards. Also participated on the gymnastics team, was a student trainer for the football team, played the flute in the band. At B.G.S.U. was on the track & cross-country teams, lettering in both. Was "All-Mac" (all conference) in cross-country. While attending Defiance College was a member of Alpha Xi Delta Fraternity.
Degree 1: Jun 1987, Bowling Green High School, Bowling Green, Ohio
Degree 2: Bet. 1987 - 1992, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio - Bachelor of Science, Education

Notes for LEE MATTHEW MARTINEZ:
Played football & baseball (and lettered) in high school, also participating in wrestling. After graduation from high school, joined the Marines and was stationed in Washington, D.C. After discharge from the Marines, attended B.G.S.U. At present is a police sergeant for the city of Defiance, Ohio.
Membership: VFW, DCLE (Police Union), Defiance Police Officers Association
Degree: May 1985, Defiance High School, Defiance, Ohio
Education 1: 1990, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH
Education 2: 1991, Criminal Justice Training & Education Center
Military service: Bet. 1986 - 1990, Marine Corp, Lance Corporal, stationed in Washington, D.C.
Occupation: Police Sergeant

Marriage Notes for LAURA SCHULTES and LEE MARTINEZ:
Married by Mayor Tom Wiseman, at Defiance Court House and witness was Richard Martinez, brother of Lee.

Children of LAURA SCHULTES and LEE MARTINEZ are:

i. LEE MATTHEW III[10] MARTINEZ, b. Sep 21, 1993, Defiance, Defiance County, Ohio.

ii. ANTHONY CHRISTOPHER MARTINEZ, b. Jul 14, 1995, Defiance, Defiance County, Ohio.
Medical Information: Had calcium deposits on skull at birth, no treatment needed.

iii. CHRISTIAN RICHARD JONATHON MARTINEZ, b. Apr 01, 1998, Defiance, Defiance County, Ohio.

260. KATHERINE MICHELLE[9] SCHULTES *(LAURA MAY[8] KULL, LAURA JANE[7] EVERS, WILLIAM PLEASANT VALENTINE[6], JAMES PRYOR[5], WILLIAM HENRY WARREN[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Nov 05, 1971 in Fort Rucker, Dale County, Alabama. She married JAMES ALLAN JR. CARPENTER Aug 06, 1994 in Bowling Green, Wood County, Ohio, son of JAMES CARPENTER and CAROLINE CROWLEY.

Notes for KATHERINE MICHELLE SCHULTES:
Ran track & Cross-county in Junior High & High School, won many awards, trophies and honors. Continued to run track & cross-country at Defiance College, lettering in them. Was a member of Alpha Xi Delta while at Defiance and on the Executive Board of the fraternity.
Degree: Jun 1990, Bowling Green High School, Bowling Green, Ohio
Education 1: Bet. 1990 - 1994, Attended Defiance College, Defiance, Ohio
Education 2: Aft. 1994, Attended Malone College, Canton, Ohio; B.G.S.U.; and Toledo University
Occupation: Babysitting & sells Tupperware

Notes for JAMES ALLAN JR. CARPENTER:
In high school, Jim was on the honor roll & selected as Student of the month his senior year.
Jim ran cross-county & track in high school, winning many awards, trophies & honors; competed at the State level with both reams. Also ran (and lettered) in

both in college - Defiance College.
Degree: 1989, Swanton High School, Swanton, Ohio
Education: Bet. 1989 - 1992, Attended Defiance College, Defiance, Ohio
Occupation: Management Trainee, Crum Manufacturing

Marriage Notes for KATHERINE SCHULTES and JAMES CARPENTER:
Married in the First Presbyterian Church, Bowling Green, Ohio.
Pastor - David Cook Young
Maid of Honor - Martha Schultes, sister of Kathy
Matron of Honor - Laura Martinez, sister of Kathy
Bridesmaids - Tiffany McQuillin, cousin of Kathy
Julie Foltz, college sorority sister of Kathy
Cindy Connor, college friend of the couple
Flower Girl - Kristin Carpenter, sister of Jim
Best Man - Jeffrey Carpenter, brother of Jim
Groomsmen - Kevin Horstman, college friend of the couple
Todd Hoerston, college friend of the couple
Rick Collins, college friend of the couple
Alan Conner, college friend of the couple
Ring Bearer - Josh Wise, cousin of Jim
The reception was held at the Maumee Eagles, the wedding colors were navy and white with silver accents. For the honeymoon, a trip to Gatlinburg, Tenn.

Child of KATHERINE SCHULTES and JAMES CARPENTER is:
i. JESSICA MAY[10] CARPENTER, b. Jun 25, 1996, Athens, Athens County, Ohio.

261. SAMANTHA LYNN[9] O'DONNELL *(JEFFREY LAWRENCE[8], PATRICIA EILEEN[7] EVERS, JIMMIE[6], JAMES OLIVER[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Mar 24, 1987. She married MATTHEW KOHLER 2006.

Child of SAMANTHA O'DONNELL and MATTHEW KOHLER is:
i. KATELYN PATRICIA[10] KOHLER, b. Jun 23, 2007.

262. TRENA IRENE MERWIN[9] WIEDEMAN *(JAMES PAUL OVERTURF[8], GEORGIA ANN[7] EVERS, JAMES PAUL[6], LUTHER LAFAYETTE[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4],*

JOHN ALEXANDER[3], *WILLIAM*[2], *PHILLIP*[1] *EAVERS)* was born May 01, 1982. She married (1) / STEELE. She married (2) / AMES.

Notes for TRENA IRENE MERWIN WIEDEMAN:
Trena was adopted by James Paul Evers after their marriage together.

Children of TRENA WIEDEMAN and / STEELE are:
- i. ALEXIS LARAY[10] STEELE, b. Feb 13, 2001.
- ii. KEEGAN JAMES STEELE, b. Mar 18, 2002.

Child of TRENA WIEDEMAN and / AMES is:
- iii. QUINTIN DEAN[10] AMES, b. Sep 14, 2004.

263. RACHAEL NICOLE[9] WRIGHT *(TERESA ANN*[8] *WIEDEMAN, GEORGIA ANN*[7] *EVERS, JAMES PAUL*[6], *LUTHER LAFAYETTE*[5], *JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE*[4], *JOHN ALEXANDER*[3], *WILLIAM*[2], *PHILLIP*[1] *EAVERS)* was born Oct 20, 1977. She married MARK HORNYAK Jun 07, 2003. He was born May 16, 1079.

Child of RACHAEL WRIGHT and MARK HORNYAK is:
- i. REGAN MAE[10] HORNYAK, b. Apr 30, 2007.

264. BONNIE[9] FEDEROWSKI *(GLENN EARL*[8] *WIEDEMAN, GEORGIA ANN*[7] *EVERS, JAMES PAUL*[6], *LUTHER LAFAYETTE*[5], *JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE*[4], *JOHN ALEXANDER*[3], *WILLIAM*[2], *PHILLIP*[1] *EAVERS)* was born Apr 11, 1977. She married BRIAN JOHNSON Jun 05, 1988.

Children of BONNIE FEDEROWSKI and BRIAN JOHNSON are:
- i. ADA MARIE[10] JOHNSON, b. Jul 28, 2003.
- ii. KODA DONALD JOHNSON, b. Apr 19, 2008.

265. CONNIE[9] FEDEROWSKI *(GLENN EARL*[8] *WIEDEMAN, GEORGIA ANN*[7] *EVERS, JAMES PAUL*[6], *LUTHER LAFAYETTE*[5], *JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE*[4], *JOHN ALEXANDER*[3], *WILLIAM*[2], *PHILLIP*[1] *EAVERS)* was born Apr 11, 1977. She married BRIAN FLAHERTY.

Child of CONNIE FEDEROWSKI and BRIAN FLAHERTY is:
- i. JAMES BRIAN[10] FLAHERTY, b. Jan 18, 2000.

266. MARY[9] FEDEROWSKI *(GLENN EARL[8] WIEDEMAN, GEORGIA ANN[7] EVERS, JAMES PAUL[6], LUTHER LAFAYETTE[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Dec 19, 1978. She married ANDREW MIX Dec 21, 2003.

Child of MARY FEDEROWSKI and ANDREW MIX is:

i. MICHAEL[10] MIX, b. Nov 28, 1996; Stepchild.

267. KATHERINE ANNE[9] WORDEN *(EVELYN CHRISTIANE[8] YATES, CYNTHIA SUE[7] EVERS, ROLLAND[6], LUTHER LAFAYETTE[5], JAMES ALBERT LAFAYETTE[4], JOHN ALEXANDER[3], WILLIAM[2], PHILLIP[1] EAVERS)* was born Nov 24, 1984. She married BRANDON NEITZ Aug 25, 2001. b. Apr 19, 1983.

Children of KATHERINE WORDEN and BRANDON NEITZ are:

i. MICAH KAILEN[10] NEITZ, b. Jan 17, 2002.
ii. LOGAN REESE NEITZ, b. Mar 21, 2003.
iii. EMMALEE HANNAH SHEA NEITZ, b. Oct 24, 2005.

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Gladys Mangum:
Iva Alberta:
James Franklin:
John:
Joshua Short
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Bud:
Cody:
Patrick Jonas:

Dryden -
Mildred:

Duensing -
Ida:

Dugger -
Caroline:
John:

Duke -
Dr. Joseph:

Dunbar -
Samual:

Dunlop -
Hubert Charles (aka. Herbert Dunlop):
Jasmyn:

Majel Joyce:
Eavers -
Phillip:
Eichorn -
Charles:
Elizabeth -
Unnamed:
Elkins -
Catherine:
Elliott -
George Burger:
James:
Nellie A.:
Susanne:
Warren J:
English -
Henry A.:
Erhrmann -
Jordan Lillian:
Kevin:
Paige Chyanne:
Patrick Joseph:
Espinola -
Maria Ramona:
Etz -
Catherine Lynn:
Evans -
Allie Pearl:
Henry:
Evers -
Ada:
Adolphus Linn (aka: Dude):
Albert Howel:
Albert Warren:
Alberta:
Ann Elizabeth:
Arthur St. Clair:
Ashley Renee:
Barbara Ellen:
Barbara Jane:
Benjamin:
Beulah Fern:
Beulah Maude:
Beverly:
Brenan Kay:
Brenda:
Brittney Aspen:
Byron Lynn:
Caitlin Victoria:
Carl Robert:
Caroline Marie:
Carrie:
Catherine Elizabeth:
Chad Michael Javon:
Charles C. (aka: Buck):
Charles David:
Charles David II:
Charles H.:
Charles Lafayette:
Charles Robert:
Chloe:
Christopher Gandolf:
Christopher Joel:
Cintha E. (aka: Cynthia):
Clara Hester:
Clara May:
Corban Jaxon:
Cynthia:
Cynthia B
Cynthia Caroline:
Cynthia Eleanor:
Cynthia Elizabeth (aka: Betty):
Cynthia Sue:
Dan Wesley:
Daniel Jeffery:
Daniel Nathan:
Daniel Albert Rolland:
David:
Deborah:
Delphia Caroline:
Dessie Mabel:
Donna:
Donnie Bell:
Donovan Charles:
Edith Gaynell:
Edward Warren:
Eleanor:
Elijah Nathan:
Eliza Jane:
Elizabeth Catherine:
Elizabeth M.:
Ernest Paul:

Ethel:
Eunice Mildred:
Evelyn Marie:
Fannie Helen:
Female Stillborn:
Flora Lucy:
Flossie Gertrude:
Flossie May:
Frances:
Gail:
George Edward:
George W:
George Washington:
Georgia Ann:
Georgia Anne:
Harriet Catherine (aka: Hattie):
Harriett Hester:
Harry Chester:
Harry Owen III (aka: Scott):
Harry Owen , Jr.:
Harry Owen , Sr:
Helen Ann:
Helen Jane:
Hellen:
Homer Russell (aka: Russ):
Hubert Huffman:
Hugh M.:
Infant Male:
Infant Son:
Iola Chlore:
Jack Dee:
Jackie Lee:
James Albert:
James Albert LaFayette:
James Benjamin:
James Eugene:
James Hal:
James Leo:
James Oliver:
James Paul:
James Pryor:
James Robert:
James Robert (aka: Jim Bob):
James Taylor:
James Thomas:
James Victor:
James Vivian:
James William:
Jancie Pearl:
Jane:
Jane Ann:
Janice Kay:
Jareth Armstrong:
Jeremy Kyle:
Jesse W.:
Jessica Nicole:
Jewel Sidrid:
Jim:
Jimmie:
Jimmie Dee:
John:
John A. (aka: Johnie Evers):
John Alexander:
John Franklin:
John L:
John Robert:
John Russell:
John Wesley:
John Wesley H.:
Johnny Joseph:
Joseph Calvin Carr:
Joseph Nathan:
Joseph Ross:
Josephine:
Joshua Lee:
Joyce:
Judith Ann:
Justin Eric:
Justin Joshua:
Justin Lee:
Justine Nell (aka: Tina):
Karmen Way Draper:
Kathryn:
Kelly Ann:
Kelsey Ann:
Kevin Dean Draper:
Kevin Wallace:
Kim Elaine:
King W. , Jr.:
King Wallace:
Kirk Beatty:
Kittie Majel:
Kyle Matthew Koland:
Larry Jo:

Laura Jane:
Lewis Franklin:
Lewis R.:
Lewis , Jr.:
Lillian Faith:
Linda S:
Lloyd James (aka: L.J.):
Louisa Hellen:
Loyce:
Lucinda Jeannine:
Luther LaFayette:
Luther Robert (aka: Luke Evers):
Luther Trevelyn:
Madge:
Margaret Elizabeth:
Marian:
Marien:
Marjorie Ann:
Mark Hasting:
Marsha:
Marshall Ray (name: Ray Marshall Evers):
Martha:
Martha Ellen:
Martha M:
Mary:
Mary Elizabeth:
Mary Frances:
Mary Francis:
Mary Jane:
Matilda:
Mattie Veria/Viva:
Maude:
Maurice Jett (aka: Jett Evers):
Medger:
Michael Davidson:
Michelle Lynn:
Mike Todd:
Mildred Marie:
Minnie L.:
Miriam Michelle:
Monte R.:
Myrtle:
Myrtle M:
Nancy Ann:
Nancy J.:
Nancy Jane:
Nancy Minerva:
Nellie May:
Nicholas:
Orpha Eliza:
Owen:
Owen Eugene:
Patricia Eileen:
Paul David:
Paul V:
Pauline Inez Agnes:
Ramona:
Ray:
Raymond Russell:
Rebecca:
Richard:
Robbie:
Robert C:
Roberta Lentz:
Rolla Porter:
Rudell:
Sally Jane:
Samuel Lee:
Samuel Ward:
Sarah Hester:
Scott David:
Seth:
Shirley Ann:
Sidney Raymond:
Solita Kay:
Stelsa Ethel:
Stelsa Evelyn:
Susan Jane:
Susie William Johnson:
Taher Lynn:
Taylor Alexandra:
Unnamed Son:
Verna Valora:
Violet Fay:
Virgil David:
Virginia:
Virginia Cicero:
Virginia Dale:
Vivienne May:
Reverend Volney Cicero:
Volney Page:
Wallace Joyce:
Wesley L.:
Westley Brian:

Willard Owen:
William:
William Benjamin:
William Clarence:
William Davidson:
William Francis:
William Henry Warren:
William Pleasant Valentine:
William Vastine:
William W.:
Zarelda Isabella:

Faber -
Nichole:

Fahrenkamp -
Gilbert:

Fathering -
Linda O.:

Federowski -
Bonnie:
Charolotte Derkowski:
Connie:
Mary:

Feezor -
Annie Mae:
Edgar Lee:
Evelina:
George Kendrick:
Gracie:
Greenville:
Grover Oswell:
James Gilbert:
James Level:
James Thomas:
Libby:
Living3:
Mable:
Marguerette (aka: Maggie):
Nathan J.:
Neoma:
Oddie:
Reginald:
Robert K:
Rocky:
William N.:
Wilma:

Fereker -
Laura:

Ferguson -
Beatrice Kathleen:
Darrell Dean:
Darrell Horatio:
David James:
James Marsel:
Jay Darrel (aka: Dick Ferguson):
Lallah Jean:
Laura Ann:
Lyle Dean:
Orville Blaine:
Shawn Elaine:
Thomas Wesley:

Fernandez -
Cristina Kay:
Joenna Maria:
Lucia Harriett:
Luciano Ramon:
Oscar Ramon:

Finchen -
Maggie:

Flaherty -
Brian:
James Brian:

Fletcher -
Mary Louella:

Forman -
Elizabeth:

Formby -
Denis:

Formby-Fernandez -
Adriana Denise:

Forthman:

Foss -
Carl:

Foster -
Robert:

Fraemhs -
Helen:
Herman:

Franklin -
Benjamin:

Freeman -
Justin Toussaint:

Traci Charmine Desiree:
Tracy:
Futrell -
Alicia:
G. -
Ada:
G.Jensen -
Robert:
Gardner -
Annette Jane:
William:
Garland -
Shawn Michael:
Shawna:
Garnett -
Ophelia:
Garrett -
Ellen:
Garvin -
Ashley:
Don:
Kelsey:
Nikki:
Rod:
Gaugh -
Mary F. (aka: Mollie):
Gaunt -
Essie/Effie:
Joseph W.:
Gentry -
Deborah:
Duban:
Pamela Kay:
George -
John W.:
Gibbons -
Alice:
Gleason -
Frank A:
Glista -
Billie:
Jennifer:
Jonathan:
Kathy:
William Eugene:
Goodall -
Mary Frances:
Gough -
George:
Quinnie:
William White:
Green -
A. Grant:
Alphus Walter:
Anthony:
Bessie:
Birdie Ann:
Caroline E.:
Charley:
Cynthia E.:
Daisy A.:
Dellie:
Dola:
Earl:
Elbert:
Elvin:
Emma Z:
Ethel: 36
Francis Marion:
George O:
George W.:
Grace:
Gurvis:
Harriet:
Herman:
Hubert:
Isaac W.:
James A.:
James Bynum:
Jesse C.:
Jesse R:
Jewell:
John Wesley:
Johnnie H:
Joseph W.:
Louisa J.:
Louise:
Martha:
Martha M.:
Mary B:
Nell:

Nellie:
Nora:
Nora:
Ora:
Paul:
Quinnie:
Raymond:
Ressie Marion:
Roland (name: Roland Connor Jr. Green):
Rowland (name: Roland Connor Green):
Roy:
Ruble:
Ted:
William Brownlow:
William O.:
William R.:

Greenwood -
Billy:
Sherry Lyn:
William Lee:

Greer -
Mary A:

Gregg -
Bridget Ann:

Griffith -
Anne:

Grimes -
Caroline:
Julia:
Lucy:
Otho D.:
William Frank:

Gruber -
Jarrod Theodore:
Lauren Elaine:
Nickolas Theodore:

Grummt -
Simone:

Gunn -
Jay:
Jennifer:
Jerry:

Gunther -
Anna K.:

Gutierrez -
Veronica:

Hallam -
Della Champion:

Ham -
Helen:

Hamilton -
Alexander
Robert C.:

Hammond -
Naomi B.:
Sergie Etta:
T. H.:

Hannan -
Mary Angeline:

Hardin -
John:

Harp -
KaSandra Sue:

Harrison -
Eva Belle:
Mary:

Hartman -
N.:

Hawkins -
Jesse Thomas:

Hayes -
Agnes Adeline:

Helmig -
Golda:
Herbert Fredrick:
Rollie Ira:
Steven Ray:

Henry -
Jacob Sean:
Jeffrey Lynn:

Hess -
Blake Parker:
Eric Michael:
John Wayne:

Hileman -
Bryant Scott:

Hill -
Becky:

Hines -
Virginia:

Hitchcock -
Francis B.:
Tressa Myrtle:
Hoagland -
Laurie:
Holliday -
Kenneth Joe:
Home -
Vito:
Honeycut -
Eliza:
Hooker -
Jackie Randell:
Hooppaw -
Lenora Annabele Martha:
W. R. , Sr.:
Hornyak -
Mark:
Regan Mae:
Hottell -
John Alexander:
House -
Kenneth:
Houser -
Caroline M.:
Housman -
Perry Brown:
William Hardy:
William Hardy III:
William Hardy Jr.:
Howell -
Melissa A.:
Hoyer -
Ruth Eileen:
William Jacob:
Huckleberry -
Jason Douglas:
Jeniece Lyn:
Jerri Ann:
Jerry Douglas:
Jackson -
Laura Juanita:
Jacobs -
Alton:
Bartley Allan:
Clarence Elmer:
Irene:
James -
Oris/Aris J.:
Jaynes -
Amanda E.:
Valentine:
Jensen -
Brian:
Kristine:
Jett -
Quinetta:
Robert:
Johnson -
Ada Marie:
Bill:
Brian:
Elizabeth Eleanor:
Eula May:
Koda Donald:
Jones -
Bertha:
Henrietta:
Mattie Ella:
Josephine -
Unnamed:
Kachelhofer -
Eva:
Kaler -
David M.:
Nora Lee:
Kelch -
Michael David:
Michael Jake:
Kell -
Edna:
Kennedy -
Anna Mae Phelps
Blanche Evelyn Tissier Palovic
Charles C. (a.k.a. Charlie)
Charles Nellis (a.k.a. Buck)
Dale
David E.
Doctor D.
Eldred Charles

Hazel Jesse Kommer
Hanna Ensloe
Jeanette Florence Evers
Levi Nix
Lillian Mildred Stewart
Lloyd Ray
Jack Loren
James McHenry
John
John Goodall
Katherine
Lowell Thomas
Nellis Lowell
Patrick
Patrick Allen
Paul
Rezin
Richard George
Richard Lewis
Robert
Robert Garrett
Robert Taylor
Roberta Jane
Scott
Stephen Andrew
Thomas
Virgie Lee
William (a.k.a. Bill)
William H.

Kerr -
Kathleen Majel:
William:

Kidd -
Nannie Bell:

Kim -
Myong Chin:

King -
Jim Bob:

Kinney -
Benjamin Harrison:
Glenda Kay:
Robert Glenn:

Kirby -
Charly:

Knapp -
Donald:

Kohler -
Katelyn Patricia:
Matthew:

Kommer -
Charles:
Delbert:
Donald:
Lois:
Louis:
Phyllis:

Korman -
Daniel:

Kortz -
Charles
Frances:

Krieg -
Brenda Susan
Rebecca Michelle:

Kull -
Blaisdell Myers:
Irving S:
Laura May:
Martha Lurline:

Lancaster -
Virginia Alice:

Landon -
Guifford Edmond:
Herman:
Naomi E.:
Thelma L.:

Lane -
Marbea:
Waldemar Whilhelm:

Lao -
Peter:

Lawrence -
Odessa:

Lehman -
Lancey (Nancy):

Lentz -
Lu Dean:
P. D.:

Lewis -
E.J.:
Gina Marie:

Lillian:
Linder -
Rod:
Lippert -
Agnes Esther:
Augustus Henry (aka: Gus Lippert):
Claude Luther:
Claudia L.:
Doris C.:
Edwin Aaron:
Eva June:
Floyd:
Henry:
Holly Marcus:
Leon:
Lorene:
Winnifer:
Little -
Andrew Perry:
Gerald:
Harold:
Maud Malissa:
Williamson:
Williamson:
Long -
Muriel:
Lopez -
Rebecca Josephine:
Loughman -
Barbara:
Chad Elliott:
James Terry:
Lance Evers:
Terran Evers:
Terry Beaver:
Louthan -
Clara May:
Loven -
Sarah Catherine:
Lowe -
Jamie:
Jim:
Merilee:
Patricia:
Shana:
Lux -
Christopher Matthew:
M. -
Delia:
Mace -
Jack Morgan:
Madden -
Ruth:
Mangum -
Ella Elizabeth:
Marshall -
Charles:
R.M.:
William Forman:
Martinez -
Anthony Christopher:
Christian Richard Jonathon:
Lee:
Lee Matthew:
Lee Matthew III (aka: Matthew):
Martozie -
Dolores:
Mathews -
Sampson Johnson:
Mathis -
Chris:
Christie:
Louis H.:
Richard:
May -
George W.:
McCarthy -
Leonard:
McComb -
Agnes May:
Catherine:
W A:
McCullam -
Barbara Jo:
Carol Joan:
Fontaine:
Kenneth Evers:
Robert Gunther:
Valerie Sue:
William F.:

William Gunther:
McFarland -
David:
Eugene Evers:
James B.:
James Vernon:
Virginia Lenora:
McGee -
Ann Eliza:
Hugh:
McIntire -
James Russell:
John:
John Russell:
Margaret Lucille:
Marshall:
Orpha Mildred:
McKenzie -
Marjory Way:
McKinney -
Unnamed?:
McNanna -
James W.:
McNeely -
James J:
Lala Virginia:
Lucy Ellen:
Mary Sue:
McQuade -
Kathleen A.:
McQuillin -
Gene L:
Gordon Jay:
Leon:
Tiffany Lurline:
Medley -
Everett
Melendez -
Alex:
Emily Dodd:
Robert:
Mellein -
Mary Louise:
Merchant -
Dorothy:
Merrill -
Catherine:
Merwin -
Jackie:
Mescher -
Anna:
Gladys Catherine:
Metcalf -
Harriet Susan:
Meyer -
Anna K:
Carl Dean:
Clifford:
Evangeline M:
Florence M:
George Lewis:
J Darrell:
Jerry Dale:
John H:
John Henry:
Robert James (aka: Bobby Jim Meyer):
W Warren:
William:
Miller -
Unnamed:
Alice Josephine:
Dennis:
Lonnie V.:
Lucy:
Matilda:
Nancy Holland:
Mix -
Andrew:
Michael:
Mohler -
Edna:
Montone -
Gina Marie:
Moody -
Anabel:
Daris:
Mary Catherine:
Patrick Henry:
Moore -
Ernestine:

Hilda Jane:
Jean:
John Right:
John William:
Johnathan C.:
Judith Feezor:
Margueriete Elizabeth:
Patricia Ann:
Rudy Lester:

Morgan -
Cornealia Bertha:
Sarah Ellen (aka: Sallly):
W. Ervin:
William Bennet:

Morse -
Harvey A.:

Moss -
Martha:

Mowery -
John:
Rela Belle:

Murray -
Jeffrey B.:
Seth:

Myers -
Elsie:
Nellie:

Nall -
Burie C.:
Charlotte:
June:
Rachel:
Susan Frances:

Neitz -
Brandon:
Emmalee Hannah Shea:
Logan Reese:
Micah Kailen:

Nelson -
Mary:

Neola -
Mary:

Nethrour -
Nicole:

Nipper -
Harriett Jane:

Nix -
Mabel Evelyn:

Oakes -
David:

O'Connor -
Elizabeth:

O'Donnell -
Anne Marie:
Bernard Frances:
Courtney Ruth:
Ian Michael:
Jeffrey Lawrence:
Kelsey Marie:
Patrick Timothy:
Samantha Lynn:

Oliver -
Sarah:

Ordway -
Mary Bell:

Overby -
Grace:

Overturf -
Henry:

Oves -
Maria:

Page -
Clara Belle (aka: Kittie):
Joseph:

Palmer -
Lisa M.:

Parker -
Amanda Marie:
Carintha Elizabeth:
Fred Willard:
Gaylord Hallam:
Harvey Burton:
Living:
Lynn Ann:
Stuart Wade:
Willard Chandler:

Parks -
Mary Louise:
Rexall Cleo:

Patterson -

Mary E.:
Peeler -
Abraham:
Abram:
Annie:
Arthur:
Arthur J:
Cyntha J.:
Ethel:
Infant:
Jacob C.:
Jacob Calvin:
John:
Julus Alexander (name: Alexander Julus Peeler):
Lewis Glen:
Lois Gladys:
Loren Thurman:
Oma:
Orva Peeler:
Roy:
Verna:
Pennington -
Betty Jo:
Perez -
Carlos:
Perryman -
Matilda J.:
William Riley:
Peterson -
Kristin:
Pettit -
Caroline Clarisa (aka: Claracy C. Petter):
Jacob:
Mary:
Nancy Caroline:
Phelps -
Arnetia L.:
Clifton C.:
Dorothy L.:
Frank W.:
Jemings T.:
Lavania F.:
Lindell:
Nellie Catherine:
Olin:
Willard:
Phillips -
George A.:
Pitman -
Gordon B:
Pitt -
Frances:
Pittman -
Frank:
George William:
Georgia Ann:
Infant:
Jewell:
Noble:
Paul:
Robert:
Robin:
William Henry "Parham":
Platzek -
Arthur James:
Max M.:
Max W.:
Maybelle:
Ruth:
Pool -
Oma:
Popham -
Mary Juanita:
Poulson -
Thomas:
Powell -
Clara S:
Leneve D:
Robert S:
William R:
Preyer -
Eluel:
Price -
Emily:
Frederick Lee:
George David:
Harry Archie:
Robert David:
Thomas Lee:
Zack:
Pridgen -

Laura Lynn:
Priestly -
Gertrude Agnes:
Prieto -
Elena Aparecida Fernandez:
Pryor -
John:
Nancy Serena:
Pumphrey -
Hubert:
W. Howard:
Racey -
Ann E.:
Barbara J.:
George:
James L.:
Ruth E.:
Wanda L.:
Ragan -
Mildred Josephine:
Ragle -
Andrew Jackson:
Ella May:
Ramey -
Elizabeth:
Rankin -
Ira:
Ray -
Calvin Johnson:
Hix:
James Calvin:
Reed -
Laura Carolina:
Pleasant Green:
Reese -
John D.:
Reid -
Dora:
Rhymer -
Ivo L.:
Rice -
George A.
Richardson -
Amber:
Ridenhour -
Mary Jane:
Rimer -
Luhrer:
Ritchey -
Rebecca A.:
Roberts -
Mahala:
Peter:
Susan:
Robinson -
Marilyn Janette:
Rodriguez -
John:
Roe -
Unnamed:
Rose -
Velma Louise:
Ross -
Elizabeth (aka: Bette):
Rudolph -
Edwin Boyd:
Samaripa -
Amy:
Sanner -
Joe Parson:
Karen Way:
Schaffer -
Virginia:
Schlobohm -
Alfred Theodore Otto:
Carla Jo:
Schulkin -
Harold David:
Schultes -
John:
John Peter:
Katherine Michelle:
Laura Elizabeth:
Martha Suzanne:
Seales -
John David:
Seitz -
John:
Sexton -
Ethel:

Shelton -
Calvin:
Fred Douglas:
Henry:
Lula Bell:
Mary Jim:
Sally:
Sherwood -
Jane Elizabeth:
Peter Montgomery:
Phil:
Ronald Arthur:
Susan Michelle:
Short -
Jennie Bell:
Mary Sarah:
Simmons -
George:
Joseph N:
Louis:
Smith -
Bessie Ellen:
Bruce:
Charles William:
Lori:
Mildred Laverne:
Orien Glen:
William G:
Sneed -
Frances Elizabeth:
George:
George Anna:
John R.
Snell -
Sylvia:
Snyder -
Anthony Joseph:
Ashley Cynthia:
Bill:
Sobbe -
Joseph L.:
Sogard -
Katherine Taylor:
Lawrence Taylor:
Living:
Ralph John (aka: Jack):
Solliday -
Edward Frederick:
Living:
South -
John:
Sharon:
Steve:
William:
Speed -
Ann:
Ardie B.:
Marion:
Spurlock -
Anita:
Barnard L.:
Bertie:
Joe:
Stalcup -
Jamie:
Michael:
Richard:
Richard E.:
Stampler -
Kim:
Stanworth -
Sharon Lee (Albright):
Starks -
Alma Mariah:
Charles William:
Clelus Maca:
Dephia Pearl:
Edna:
Gwendoline:
Herbert Garfield:
Ida Elizabeth:
Infant Daughter:
Ishmal Fred:
John A.:
John H.:
Lillian Ruth:
Roxy Short:
Sollie:
Susie:
Thomas William:
William Howard:
Steele -

Alexis LaRay:
Keegan James:
Steere -
Brian:
E. Richard:
Eric:
Gary:
Laura:
Rachel:
Reve:
Richard:
Riker:
Rilely:
Steffey -
Rube Clayton:
Steinkamp -
Bertha Etta:
Stewart -
Bobby James:
Boyd:
Curt:
Stoval -
Martha:
Strozier -
Victor Lee , Jr.:
Suarez -
Adolfo:
Anthony Manuel:
Solenia Kay:
Sullivan -
Rhoda:
Summerville -
Billy Wayne:
Harmon Bertrey:
Mary:
Stella:
Sumner -
Bill:
John B:
Ronald W.:
Supin -
Tarr -
Dr. Augustus Willard:
Taylor -
Clara Elvira:
Debbie:
Debra Marlene:
Ethel Lurline:
Luther:
Minnie:
Thomas:
Thatcher -
Kathryn:
Thompson -
Bertie Ann:
Hester L.:
Viola:
Thrasher -
Alfred:
Cicero Augustus (aka: Gus Thrasher):
Effie:
Ella:
Etta:
Eva:
Freddie Earl:
George:
James E.:
Leevurn:
Lizzie:
Louie:
Maude:
Oliver Perry:
Pearlie:
Susan:
Virgie:
William R.:
Tibbs -
Millie Ann (Farris):
Tilano -
Luis Fernando:
Luis Fernando Jr.:
Tissier -
Pat:
Paul:
Trout -
Melvin:
Trovillion -
James Carr:
Nellie H.:
Trumbo -

Forest:
Wilburn:
Tucker -
Tyler -
James Alan:
James Kenneth:
Steven Kenneth:
Vasconcelos -
Sonia Cristina:
Vaughan -
Dorthea Louise:
George Washington:
Jessie:
Max:
Owen G.:
R.D.:
Wilma Cecil:
Vaughan/Vaughn -
Ezra Cecil:
Vogel -
Joan:
Wagner -
Walker -
Donald:
Hannah Rose:
Lillian Chin:
Nathan Albert:
Zackary:
Wallace -
Martha G.:
Walters -
Clarence:
Mariam Mildred:
Ward -
Fannie:
Naomi Delphine (Metzger):
Warren -
Robert A.:
Watts -
Elizabeth:
Weaver -
Frank Federico:
Frank Luther:
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